

The Hanover-Spy :
O R,
Secret History of St. James's.
FROM
The Reign of Queen ROBIN,
Down to the late
Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace.

Publish'd by Order of that Person of Honour who detected those Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out Neck or Nothing ; and consists only of such State Secrets as this SPY was privy to, or can prove by Persons now living at Court.

The Whole DISCOVERIES

Inscrib'd to that True Englishman and Generous Patriot, BENJAMIN CHILDE, Esq; late High-Sheriff for the County of Berks.

By Mr. John Dunton, (Author of Neck or Nothing)

And is his TENTH successful Attempt to detect the Enemies to King GEORGE, and His Illustrious House, at the Hazard of his Life and Fortune, as is prov'd in—*A Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude, Inscrib'd to the KING*—And in—*A Most Humble Petition to His Majesty—That he might be Presently Hang'd or Rewarded*—Both which are prefix'd to these New Discoveries.

*Whatever Censures on this SPY may fall,
I still unmov'd, will boldly stand 'em all.*

Allusion to the Prologue of the Nonjuror.

Alitur Vitium crescitque tegendo. VIRG.

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Much Respected KINSMAN,

Benjamin Childe, Esq;

Lord of the Mannour of *Tilehurst*, Justice of the Peace for the County of *Berks*, and late High Sheriff of the same County.

MOST DEAR COUSIN,

THE long and intimate Friendship that was between my self and my worthy Kinsman, your deceased Father, (the most Affable and Generous Person I ever knew) together with the universal Acknowledgment of the whole County of *Berks* that your Worship does Patrizare, (*i. e.* are not only a True Englishman, but a Noble Patriot) has made me presume to Inscribe my HANOVER-SPY, and *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude*, to a Gentleman of your Distinguish'd Loyalty and Goodness; and I am still the more encourag'd to this DEDICATION, as you have always shewn (by your own Practice) That the chief Thing valuable in either Honour or Riches, is the Power they give to Oblige; and therefore tho' 'tis common for Persons of a mean Extract (or meer Mechanicks) to be Stiff and Haughty, I never knew a Person that was Born a Gentleman, but what (like your self) was truly Humble and Courteous

teous. I shall therefore approach you in this DEDICATION with the same Freedom as if I was as much your Equal in Honour and Riches, as I am by Birth, and a sincere Affection to the House of *Hanover*; for tho Suretyship, a *Joynture-Shackle*, and the Great Sums I have spent in the Service of my King and Country, have greatly incumber'd my Moiety of that Noble Estate (call'd (a) BOTTAM FARM) to which we were Co-Heirs; yet as no Misfortunes or Poverty on my side, or Honour or Riches on yours, can lessen that Near Relation that is between us, I don't fear your Generous Patronage to my HANOVER-SPY, and his *Detection of Whiggish Ingratitude*, not only from your Generous Bounty to all such that have spent their Estates in detecting the Plots of a Popish Pretender, but as Mr. *Benjamin Childe* of *Calcot* is the *only Relation* (that I know of) that I have now living by my Mother's Side.

But though we both descended from the Ancient and Honourable Family of the *CARTERS*, (Mr. *Daniel Carter* of *Cheatham* being acknowledg'd by all that knew him, to be the most Illustrious Patriot this Age has known) and were Co-Heirs to their Lands, Woods, and Houses, yet I can truly say of your Worship, (for as to my self I have nothing to boast of, but barely the Honour of having the Blood of the *DUNTONS* and *CARTERS* running in every Vein, and daring to shed it in his Majesty's Service in the worst of Times) that *Your Merit is greater than your Fortune*, tho Fortune has partly reconcil'd the Man of Wit, her strongest Enemy to her by the Favours which she has judicially conferr'd upon you. The Name which you have acquir'd by your Merit, is as great, if not greater than that which you took from your Fathers; and you will transmit more Lustre to your POSTERITY than you derive from your ANCESTORS.

But tho (Dear KINSMAN) your Distinguish'd Parts were Honour enough for any other Person but your Worship, yet WIT is not the only Shining Quality for which the World admires you: To a happy *Imagination* and lively *Genius* you have reconcil'd the *Severity and Profoundness of Judgment*; and for ought I know, are the *only*, but I am sure, the *best* Refutation of what our HANOVER-SPY (after a private Search into the Families, Cabinets, Misses, Politicks, Conversation and Morals, of the greatest Wits of *St. James's*) has advanced, *viz.* That *Wit and Judgment* are incompatible Talents, that never meet in the same Person. The whole County of *Berks* has no less owned the *Accomplish'd Justice*, than admir'd the *Polite Gentleman* in you; and that part of the County which you bless with your constant Residence, owes its Repose and Peace to your wise Administration,

(a) *Lying in Cheatham Parish in the County of Bucks.*

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well as it does its *Politeness* to Your VIVACITY and IT.

But should I presume to praise all those Matchless Vertues for which you deserve Esteem—That Illustrious Piety that makes you soar so high in Vertue and Goodness above the ordinary reach of Mankind, that you seem to be a Distinguish'd Species of your

—That exact JUSTICE, which balances all your Actions

—That *Affability*, *Wisdom*, and *Moderation*, which a whole County has admir'd —That *Magnanimity*, which would render you unalterable in all the Smiles and Frowns of Fortune, (if

your POOR KINSMAN, the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, should spend a plentiful Fortune to serve the Publick) —

at *Liberality* which hath made you Generous (*i. e.* truly Great)

all your Gifts, Favours, and Acts of Charity: I say (Dear Sir) should I thus presume to descend to particular Instances

of your Vertuous Character, I should be forced to unite the largest Encomiums, and must lay them down as a due Tribute at

the Feet of your spreading Fame; and therefore (SIR) knowing my Inability to do distinct Justice to all those Shining Perfections

with which your Life is adorn'd, I dare only Reverence your Vertues in general, and for that reason they are in this Address

not your Worship, rather the subject of my general Admiration, in particular Description; and (SIR) the worst Enemy you

have in the World (if such a Generous Patriot can have any) will acknowledge this, that considers you executed the Office of *High-*

Justice, (as well as *Justice of the Peace*) for the County of *Berks*, has so much Honour to your self, Justice to the County, and

a Distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE, as has not only gain'd immortal Credit in that County, but has endeared your

Matchless Character to all the loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*, so no Critick can charge me with saying too much of your

Matchless Vertues, seeing 'tis acknowledg'd by the whole County of *Berks* (as well as by the Mannour of *Tilchurst*, of which you are Lord) 'That no Praise can reach your Merit, or flatter

beyond it; but as I am a stranger to your Person (I mean so

a stranger as only to know your Worship by the Opinion of the World, and by the Character Mankind has given of you) why

should I then run out on your Encomiums, and only Eccho to the World, what I first heard from them? All that becomes

me to say at present is, that I agree with the Universal Consent of both Sex, and make one to fill the Train of your Ad-

mirers.

to whom then can I more fitly inscribe the HANOVER-SPY than the Friend (or Lover) in every Station, than to your

Worship? You are the *Friend* in all the several Scenes of Life, —The *Courtier* —The *Husband* —and —The *Father*.

You are ——— *The Lover* ——— of your Wife (the eldest Daughter and Co-Heir to that Illustrious Patriot Sir William Kendrick) you Love beyond the Fashion; you Love her, though your Wife, and though you had at least Ten Thousand Pounds with her, as an Addition to your own Noble Estate, yet the Matchless Charms of her Vertue and Love, are what have most endeared her to you.

You are a *Lover of your Children* (which are Three Daughters of the same Stock of Females Sir William Kendrick had by his Vertuous Lady) so fond you are of those young Pledges of your Nuptial Friendship, you seem the Admiring Courtier of them; you seem wedded to them, you seem the very Father of Love itself, hence 'tis this *Hanover Spy* (the Child of Love and Friendship) flies to your Worship, not in the least doubting your Generous Patronage, for 'tis Title enough to the Protection of a Noble Soul to stand really in need of it. I am sure your Methodizer of the following Discoveries has this Plea (as you find in my *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude*, inscrib'd to the King) and you are not now to be distinguish'd by a Greatness of Soul that few Gentlemen can Equal, and none Excels. Witness your Spacious House, curious Gardens, large Fish-Pond (all surrounded with Brick Walls) Great Hospitality, noble Attendance for your Lady, and every Thing Answerable; so that your fine Seat at Calcot seems to prove the Heathens Elysium a real Thing, and that Calcot is that Pleasant Place, for if any Thing could tempt so good a Man (as Mr. Benjamin Childe) not to think of Heaven it would be that Earthly Paradise where he now dwells, so that if my being your Only Relation now Living of Carter's Family (from whence we both Descended) and since Respected by your Generous Father, to his last Breath, will give me any Title to a distinguish'd Mark of your Friendship, I shall fear to receive it upon your finding (by this Dedication) that John Danton (the only Child of Lydia Carter) is still Living by what I have said of your Noble Seat and Publick Spirit, clear you are influenc'd by a Greatness of Soul in all your Words and Act; and sure I am, 'tis those Vertuous Actions in which you Excell others more than your Blood (or Descent) makes you Truly Noble (for to own the Truth)

*The Fame of Families is all a Cheat,
'Tis Personal Vertues only makes us Great.*

And therefore (Sir) I have no Reason to doubt of your Generous Reception of this Small Mark of my Respect to (the Present of a *Hanover Spy*) to detect His MAJESTY'S Enemies, that Quarrel in the ROYAL PALACE

Speech—It in the Parliament House (a) or Plot in a Jacobite conventicle) as 'tis inscrib'd to a Gentleman of distinguish'd Fidelity and Worth, one whose Mind is Innobled with Virtue, whose Beauty and Majesty of which can't so much as be thought without Love and Veneration, for 'tis acknowledg'd by all that know Justice Childe of Calcot, that he is a Compleat Gentleman, i. e. truly Noble, by being strictly Vertuous) if he is such that is addicted to no Vice (never Whores, Swears or Drinks to Excess) just and speedy in paying his Debts, and Delights in no Relations but such as are Innocent, and fit for a Gentleman (such as Bowling, Hunting, Fishing, Setting, &c.) I repeat it again, that a Hero thus accomplish'd may be call'd, a Compleat Gentleman, and that Benjamin Childe is that Berkshire-Phoenix, whose whole Life is one continu'd Act of that Loyalty and Goodness which I have here inscrib'd.

In short to Recover that Good Opinion of Mankind, which was lost by the Plotting Tories in the late Reign, and by the Avarice and Ingratitude of the Court-Whiggs, in this 'tis Necessary the Exaltation in General, as well as the British Court (where I hope I see your Worship advanc'd to a Sphere as large as your Merits) you'd be inform'd of your Loyal and Shining Character; nor need your Unrewarded Kinsman (John Dunton) who has Ruin'd himself to save his Country) fear a cold Reception where Honour and Affability make their constant Residence, and therefore if any Thing could Tempt me to Pride (the Abhorrence of Noble Friends and Persons Honourably Descended) it wou'd be my being nearly Related to a Gentleman every way thus Accomplish'd, tho' for nothing more justly valu'd than your being a True (i. e. Moderate) Churchman, and distinguish'd Loyalty to King George.

SIR, — As the King's making you a Justice of Peace and High-Sheriff for the County of Berks, is an undoubted Proof of his sincere Affection to his Royal Person and Government, so is of your Capacity for Publick Service; for sure I am, there is no one Virtue in the World of which a High-Sheriff and Justice of Peace, as such, will not sometimes stand in need, and there is no Vice neither which will not look worse in him than in another Man; and therefore a good Justice of Peace (such as your Worship) is a publick Blessing, and does more Good by Example than by his Authority.

SIR, — As his Majesty has advanc'd you to the most Difficult Post in the Government, (for such I count the Office of a Justice of Peace, and High-Sheriff, when executed with that impartial Goodness for which you have been Distinguish'd, I wou'd

(a) Mr. Shippen that was lately sent to the Tower for his Speech, reflecting on his Majesty's Person and Government, is the only one that is here meant.

say too, in the most difficult Times, if any thing could be reckon'd so for the present Reign) 'tis a good Omen of your greater Advancement by our Grateful Monarch, who is as zealous to Reward the Distinguish'd Services of his Loyal Subjects as they can be to Merit his Royal Favour. And I'm sure there's no Country Gentleman in all his Majesty's Realms, that more justly deserv'd a Splendid Title and Rich Post than **JUSTICE CHILDE**, of *Calcot*, as He has no other Aim in accepting Preferment, but The Publick Good, for there are *W_____ poles in Berkshire* (or *L_____ds C_____ners* that sell *versions* that are justly due to the *Neck-Adventurers* in his Majesty's Service) as appears by those *Berkshire* Gentlemen who Heinously Resent it, that a Whig-Ministry should be less solicitous to Reward the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, that ventur'd ALL to save his Country, than the Tories (when in Power) were to enrich those Jacobite Tools that did all they could to Ruin. And therefore, SIR, if my presenting my Case to the King does not render all further Application to his Majesty needless, I hope you'll do me that great Honour, as to Petition our Grateful Prince, that **JOHN DUNTON** (that has the same Blood running in his Veins with your Worship, and in that respect part of your Family) might not be Starved in a Jail for his expensive Hazards to serve the Publick, or Venture his *Neck or Nothing*. Your Worship's bare appearing in such a Petition for this, would make all the Gentlemen in *Berkshire* Sign it. Neither do you want any Arguments to move you to a General Act, for all your Fellow-Subjects (but more especially the Nation of *Berkshire*, where you have faithfully served your Country both as a High-Sheriff and Justice of Peace) look upon you a fit pattern to imitate in all you Speak or Act, and a singular Blessing to all that know you, as well as an Ornament to your Country. And therefore (SIR) as I am your Nearest Relation now living on the Carter's side, (and the Poor Man that sav'd the City, who no Man has yet remember'd) I assure my self, out of a tender Compassion to your own Flesh and Blood, as well as for the Honour of *Great Britain*, you'll let his Majesty know, that *Nothing done for Mordecai* (a), for you can't Act that *True Englishman and able Patriot* you were ever accounted without being a Living Example that Natural Affection and Generosity go Hand in Hand, as that Riches, Justice, and Loyalty, receive additional Lustre from

(a) Alluding to a Book lately publish'd by an Eminent Clergyman, intitl'd, *Mordecai's Memorial; or There's Nothing done for him*; fairly proving that (*John Dunton*) the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, has run more Desperate and Successful Hazards to rescue the Enemies to King *George* and his Illustrious House, than all the Whig-Authors in *Great Britain* besides.

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one another. But because I would not offend your Worship's darling Vertue, your MODESTY, I shall chuse to transgress against the common Rules of Dedications, and not speak half what I know to be true of your Noble Education, Fortune, Breeding, and Temper; or, which is more Valuable, that Goodness and Candour that shines in all you say, or do, but shall only make Good Wishes supply the place of a JUST PANEGRICK.

But perhaps your Worship may ask me here (as I was born to good Estate, and never given to any Extravagance) 'How comes it to pass, COUSIN DUNTON, that you are so Greatly in Debt, that (without his Majesty's Royal Bounty sets you at Liberty) you must now either Beg, or STARVE in the Fleet-Prison?

SIR, ——— To this I Answer ——— 'Twas *Frequent Suretyship* (for I was always ready to serve a distressed Friend that askt my Help) ——— My being *Cheated in a Second Marriage of many thousand Pounds* (by *Jane Nichola's* Unjust Will) ——— And ——— *The great Sums of Money that I freely spent in his Majesty's Service, out of my own Pocket* ——— that has reduced me to those Pinching Wants that (except my Venture of *Neck or Nothing* to serve the Publick, receive a Royal Reward) I must now unavoidable BEG or STARVE in a Jayl, till such time I can Redeem ——— My *Medal, Rings, Plate, Watch, Phoenix-Library, and other Things* Value ——— Or pay that Debt for which my Rent is Mortgag'd that buys the very Bread on which I subsist. However (Sir) *the Sun that Sets, may Rise again*; and if your Worship (mov'd by the Relation that is between us) will inform the King of the extricable Difficulties under which I am now Groaning, thro' the INGRATITUDE of my Summer (and Court) Friends, I don't doubt but such a Generous Representation as this to his Majesty, would soon deliver me out of all my Troubles, as well as convince the World, that Mr. BENJAMIN CHILDE is the Only Generous Whig of Quality that I have made my Adversaries to: For tho' none of those Loyal Whigs which now surround his Majesty's Throne ——— (a *Victorious Miser* excepted, who gave me but TWO Guineas, which I was ashamed to present to his Porter, or had given him that Beggarly Sum for the great Civility he shew'd to me those several mornings I came to wait on his *Great, Little Master*) have given me less than TEN or FIFTEEN Guineas a Man, in Acknowledgment of my Publick Services; yet not one of those Whig Dukes, Earls, Lords, or Baronets, have kept their Promises, Seeking all Occasions to let his Majesty know what I did and suffer'd for his Illustrious House, in the Worst of Times. I expect more Sincere and Generous Treatment from that *Englishman and Faithful Patriot, Mr. Benjamin Childe*, or I shall

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think your Great Estate has lessen'd that Noble Spirit which was always found in your Father, and in every Branch of the *Carter's* Family; but Sir, whatever my Fortune be (either a Royal Reward, or Hanging, the last of which I prefer to a Prison, as your Worship will find in my *Case* inscrib'd to the King) I shall be ever thankful to that good Providence that has brought Good out of Evil; for I have learnt to see the Vanity and Falshood of this World, from my being Trick'd (or some way or other deceiv'd) by every Person I have serv'd in it (I'll only except the King, Prince, and Princess of Wales, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Sunderland, Lord Stanhope, Mr. Secretary Addison, the *Hanover* your Worship, Dr. *Annesley*, and Five or Six Persons more) I own (Sir) this is a very Heinous and General Charge, but my *Summer Friends* (some of which owe their very Rise to my *Constant Friendship*, and were all as Welcome to my Purse and Table as I was my self) prove it to be Matter of Fact, for since I have been unable to Treat and Serve 'em as formerly, I find so little Honour and Humanity in 'em, that they scarce know me (but such are as *Shy as Ghosts*, for fear I shou'd remind 'em of former Favours, or ask 'em to lend me Money) tho' in my Prosperity they always call'd me their *Dear Father*, and *Best Friend*, and found me so when every Body else forsook 'em; so that my present CASE is very Deploable (as I can prove to your Worship many Particulars) for those that are oblig'd to serve me, I find, a very Ungrateful; Others whom the common Tye of Nature obliges to be Civil, have so much of the Brute (tho' great Professors of Religion) that I find only the outward Form of Man, (i. e. in my Nearest Relations now Treat me with Neglect or Indifference from too much of the Pharisee in them) so that I am no more a sort of *Tymon of Athens* (or were it possible) more Unhappy than for I can apply my self to none of these *Summer Friends* that are so honest as to own I ever Serv'd 'em, tho' I have often done it with my whole Estate; But this comes — Of Suretiship — Of Bargaining for a Wife, — Of Trusting to the Solemn Promises of that Deceitful Wretch, and Scraping Miser, *Jane Nicholson* of *St. Albans*, — And of Venturing Neck for Nothing. — However I shall not presume to assure your Worship, I am above all my *Summer Friends* (whether they be *Court or City Whigs*) or even a *Dunton* or *Careless*; for that is either False or Ungenerous, and Despise, tho' not them, their *Pride and Inhumanity*, and Rejoyce that I serv'd my *Fellow-Creatures* (both in this and the late Reign) with Chearfulness, without the Views of any Advantage or Interest, and still I have the same Soul, tho' not the Power; for were I not now in a Starving Condition (as is prov'd in the following Account of my *Case* and its Sufferings) I should not have Troubled your Worship (who are only Sincere and Generous in your particular Friendships, but a Common Blessing to all that know you) with this Detection of *Summer Friendship and Whiggish Ingratitude*.

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was SIR, — As to the HANOVER-SPY (which I have pre-
ter'sed to Inscribe to your Illustrious Name) all I shall say of him
Re- (briefly) this, He designs to oblige our *British Athenians* not
ourly with a New, but with *A Secret History of St. James's, from*
l be *Restoration of Charles the Second, to this Time; but more espe-*
outly *from the Reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunder-*
this *standing in the Royal Palace, and with what Secret Novelties occur*
iv'd) *by that he thinks deserve Publication.*

ing, it is one of the Encomiums given to Suetonius, *That he made*
Sun- *lick to the World the Vices and Miscarriages of the twelve Cæsars*
er *Spy the same Freedom with which they were by 'em committed.* And
own- there is no question but one of his chiefest Reasons for so doing,
mmets this, *Because he would not deceive Posterity.* I can assure your
stant- orship, our *Hanover-Spy* (who is that *Person of Honour* from
le asom I received all the Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out *Neck*
have *Nothing*) has not been less Free and Honest in the Memoirs
little compose *The Secret History of St. James's*; for he only sends
(but such State-Secrets as he was either privy to, or can prove by
er *Falcons* now Living at Court, *The Hanover-Spy* being to be a sort
perit Living History, and not a Dull Collection from The Secret
, and stories already publish'd. Nor had I presum'd to Dedicate
y pre Loyal Search to such a Nice Critick as Mr. CHILDE, had I
ship it known he was able to discover such Secrets in Church and
I finite, as would please the most Curious Palate. And I am sure,
ure coever reads the SPY's New Discoveries of the Hypocrisy and
fession of *Queen Robin, Lady Abigail, and Harry Gambol,* will
(i. on he sets the Fallhoods and Plots of the late Reign, and the
Indi- odness and Integrity of his present Majesty in such A True
n no- ight, as fairly proves no British Monarch can ever Reign (either
happy Honour or Safety) whilst a TORY-MINISTRY sits at
at am.

it with SIR, — As to the Truth of those Secrets that are here
— Cover'd, tho I am under a Solemn Promise to Conceal that
a *Person of Honour* from whom I receiv'd 'em; yet that does not
ichol- en the Credit they deserve from the Publick, for they carry
r I their own Evidence along with 'em; and for that reason our
Frienover-Spy needs no further Proof to Attest his several Discove-
e *Cars*; for as to the most Secret Transactions, the Consequences,
n, the Events are his Testimonies, (as was seen in his Early Discov-
m- *Cries of Oxford's and Bolingbroke's SCHEME* to Restore the
wistender, intitl'd, *Neck or Nothing*, which were confirm'd Ten
ave nths after their Publication, in the *Report made by the Commit-*
Starv- *tee of Secrecy*) and for what was more publicly carried, there
Case at the Loud and General Complaints of the Kingdom to confirm
are. However (Sir) our *Hanover-Spy* (with all his Faults) is free-
s, but submitted to your Impartial Sentence of Life or Death, and if
of S meets with your Generous Patronage,

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*Whatever Censures on his SEARCH may fall,
I still will unmov'd will boldly stand 'em all.*

For tho I'm neither a High Sheriff or Justice of Peace, and have neither your *Worship's* Riches or Noble Seat in *Berkshire*, yet as I had the Honour to be born a Gentleman, being the Fourth *John Dunton* in a Lineal Descent from the Tribe of *Levy*, and Grandson of that Generous and Immortal Patriot *Mr. Daniel Carter of Chesham* I hope, as *Stanislaus King of Bohemia* always carry'd his Father's Picture about him, that by looking upon when tempted to any Vice, he might never do anything unworthy of his Royal Descent so I shall always remember that I came of the Race of the *DUNTONS* and *CARTERS* that I may never dishonour my Reverend and Noble Progenitors — by deserting a Righteous Cause — Sordid Avarice — Base Ingratitude — or any other sneaking Vice — And in particular, that I may not forfeit your *Worship's* Generous Patronage, which I'm sure I neither keep nor deserve, should I ever do any little, base, or cowardly Action. And therefore so long as I continue in my right Senses, I shall do my utmost not only to procure a Good Opinion, but to deserve the Honour of being your *Kinsman*, for I'm heartily glad once in my Life-time, I have found such a *PHENIX* as a True Friend, and that too a Near Relation; but I don't Rejoyce that I have the Opportunity of trying, whether I find such things as Friends, since those Opportunities happen every Day, but many Ages do produce such a valuable Rarity as a True Friend, and therefore *Cowley* might well say, — There are fewer Friends on Earth than Kings — seeing many of those who *DIGNIFY* themselves with that Title, are things of so *NICE* a Constitution, that they are blasted by the smallest Storms of Adversity.

Such Men (or rather Monsters) as these, be they *Whig* or *Tory*, to be sure will *DISLIKE* the Narrative of my Case and sufferings, because 'tis writ in such Plain English (i. e. cause it Flatters no Covetous, Ungrateful, or Censorious Person, be he never so Rich *INDEPENDENT*) so that I'm now justly provok'd to write *Nack For Nothing*, or *A Satyr on Every-body*, the King and Royal Family only excepted: for as his Majesty has never heard what I have Done and Suffer'd for his Illustrious House, it can no ways asperse *Spotless Gratitude*, that I am left in a Starving Condition, by those *VERY MEN* (I begin to think they are *WHIGS*) that once call'd me *The Patriot of Great Britain*, for Venturing *ALL* to save it.

But (*SIR*) lest my Dedicatory-Visit should prove so Tedi- as to make you indifferent to a Personal-One, I will only add

May your *Worship* be as Happy in your Office of Justice Peace (and in all the Parts of your Loyal Character) as the Motives upon which you accepted it were Just and Honourable

— May you be as Easy in your Great Estate (like your noble and Generous Father) as you are to all the World in your Temper; and as your Noble Mind has secur'd you from Mean and Narrow Prejudices: May your Integrity protect you from unjust Malice; May your Endeavours for settling the Peace and Happiness of your Country, be as successful as your Love to it is sincere; And (to perpetuate the Name of the *Carters*, whence both descended) May my Honour of being your *Kinsman*, be as lasting as the Blessing that attends it. And to that End, May your Happiness (which by Consanguinity and Love to your Person is become mine) renew with the Year, and advance till it is incapable of Addition. May your *Worship*, still Blooming, Master of your Fate, while for my self I only wish that you will believe me, with all Imaginable Zeal and Sincerity,

Most Dear KINSMAN,

Your Very Affectionate Cousin,

And Obedient Humble Servant,

John Dunton

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Secret History of *Whiggish Ingratitude*:

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The Case and Sufferings

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Mr. John Dunton,
(Author of *Neck or Nothing*)

Detected, In a most *Humble Petition to His Majesty*,
that he might not be left to *Starve in a Jail*, after
venturing his *Life*, and spending his *own Estate*, in
detecting the Enemies to his *Royal Person* and
Family in the Worst of Times.

Regia, crede mihi, res est succurre lapsis.—OVID.

T O T H E

KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT your Majesty's faithful Subject thinking it
too great a Presumption to address his Sovereign
in the manner that Necessity now forces him to
do, had frequent Recourse to some Persons whose
high Stations and free Access to your Majesty's
Presence, render'd more *capable*, as well as more
proper, to lay his SUFFERINGS for, and SERVICES to your
August Person and Illustrious House before your Sacred Majesty;
that after *Three Years waiting*, and daily Experience of the *Falacy*
of their Promises, he finds himself reduced to the Necessity of
bringing THE WHOLE himself before your Majesty, and appeals
to the Truth of the Facts herein recited, to *all the present Mini-*
sters, as well as to all his other Fellow-Subjects: For tho' he has
the Honour to be personally known to any of the former,

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(the Lord *Stanhope* excepted from whom he receiv'd a Generous Present of Guineas) yet he is well assur'd, neither that Noble Lord, nor any other Native of *England* about your Majesty's and Sacred Person, are ignorant of what he did and suffer'd in the late Reign, in Defence of your Majesty's Title to the Crown of these Realms.

Your Majesty's Faithful Subject being a Prisoner for a Trivial Disputable Debt, in the Rules of the *Fleet*, at the time when the unhappy Change of a *Good Ministry* for a *very Bad one* was made by the late Queen, saw with equal Grief and Surprize the bold Steps taken by those then at the Helm of Affairs, to destroy the Constitution both in Church and State, and their only humane Support, *your Majesty's Succession*; I cou'd by no means persuade my self to be a *calm and silent Spectator* of these things, tho some thought it Wisdom to be so; but observing the great Pains taken by one Party to lull the British World asleep, and the little Care taken by the other to inform them (I mean the meaner sort of them) of their Danger, I resolv'd to do what I could to rowze my Fellow-Protestants from their Fatal Security. In order to which, (with the Approbation of the late Marquis of *Wharton*, and Bishop of *Salisbury*) I publish'd a Book intitl'd *NECK OR NOTHING*, in which I discover'd *several Treasonable Practices* then on foot to Defeat the Protestant Succession, the only humane Security of our Religion and Liberties; and to impose on us in their stead, *POPERY*, and its inseparable Companion *SLAVERY*. 'Twas in that Essay, amongst many other important Truths, I mentioned the *Enlisting Men in Ireland for the Pretender's Service*. This was an Article that shock'd the Faith of those who had even the best opinion of my Veracity; for it coming out some Months before the *Irish Parliament's* meeting, there was nothing to support the credit of the Assertion, but my bare Character. This gave my Adversaries the Handle to asperse me with the Name of *MAD-MAN*. But my Daring to charge *O——d* and *B———ke* with a Design to Restore the Pretender, when they were Two Royal Favorites, was the only Colour they had for calling me so, and all the Proof of my Madness; so 'twas all the Confutation they cou'd produce of my Intelligence. But I was sufficiently comforted for that Aspersion, by the Service I had done to your Majesty's Interest, my Early and Bold Discoverys (call'd *Neck or Nothing*) having open'd the Eyes of Many Thousands, to see the Danger the Protestant Succession was in, which they did not before suspect, and did engage 'em to exert themselves in the following Elections for its Security. 'Twas for this Reason that I ran the Hazard of being made a Prisoner in *Newgate* by a 'Scapion Warrant, to Vote for those Four Candidates in the City of *London* and *don* that I knew was Zealous for the *Hanover Succession*, and engaged thr

engage several of my Fellow-Citizens in the same Glorious Cause, my Lord made me refuse my Vote and Interest (tho both were earnestly solicited by the *Ld. Fermannah*) to the *Tory* Members that stood for Knights of the Shire for *Bucks*; and 'twas my Grief that I cou'd not likewise Personally attend the Elections there, where I well knew my Interest cou'd have engag'd many Hundreds for Mr. *Hampden*, (my own Estate in several Parts of that County, join'd to the good Character my *Reverend Father* and *Grandfather* had in those Parts, having given me a considerable Influence over the Electors). However, this Affliction (of being only confin'd to the *Fleet-Prison*, when I wou'd have been choosing Whig-Knights for the County of *Bucks*) was Lessen'd to me by the Open Detection the *Irish* Parliament soon after made of what had some Months before publish'd in relation to the *Infisting* and *in that Kingdom for the Pretender's Service*. And as the Truth of my Early Discoveries (call'd *Neck or Nothing*) were confirm'd by the *Irish* Parliament some Months after their Publication, so they made all the Jacobite Secrets I afterwards publish'd (in my several Narratives intitled *Queen Robin*, *Impeachment*, and *Whig-titl'oyalty*) find an entire Credit with those who wish'd well to Protestant Succession, and so highly provoked the then Secretary *Bolingbroke*, as that he sent *Six Messengers* to seize my person and Papers, but both were remov'd from the *Fleet* Two Hours before their Search. However, neither these Dangers, nor his Threatnings, put a Moment's Stop to my Endeavours for *Irish* Majesty's Succession, I still continu'd to Write, Print and publish, as well as Disperse at my own sole Hazard, Cost, and Charges, several small Pamphlets of the pernicious Measures then in use of, and was assur'd both by the late Marquis of *Whar-* and Bishop of *Salisbury*, as well as by several Letters from the Parts of *Britain*, many of them from Persons then unknown But I, with very good Success.

Design I shall also presume to inform your Majesty, that I was the Favourable Occasion of wholly Defeating a Jacobite Plot that had been hatching in *Southwark*, and other Parts of the Kingdom, so near taking Effect, that the Person who first discover'd it by himself and a Dissenting Minister now living in *Shadwell*, assur'd our Majesty, that the Plotters said, "They did not doubt but to see *Neck* their Lawful Sovereign (for so they call'd the Pretender) crown'd King of Great-Britain in few Days, and after that to have Liberty to say Mass (OPENLY) in all our Churches. I gave the Bishop of *Salisbury* a full Account of all the Proceedings of the Jacobite Plotters from time to time, (as I had it from a Scapion that was concern'd with them in their Treasonable Practices) and his Lordship not only greatly commended my Courage and Zeal, in Detecting your Majesty's Enemies, (for which I was threaten'd with a private Stab, and 'twas a Miracle I had

not sell a Sacrifice to Popish Revenge and Cruelty, I being then (a Prisoner in the *Fleet*) but often sent his Gentleman to me, both to assure me of a Royal Reward for my Loyal Hazards to serve the Publick, and with such Advice and Directions as his Lordship thought was necessary for your Majesty's Service, as is well known to that Dissenting Minister that I mention'd before, who waited on the Bishop by his special Order, to confirm the Truth of all the Discoveries I had made to his Lordship of the Sp Jacobite Plot that was then carrying on in *Southwark*, and other Parts of the Kingdom, and to discover the great Hazard he run of his own Life (he being often assaulted, and once shot at, by three Men whose Names were *Higgins*, *Burgoin*, and *Bosworth*) for that eminent Service he had done your Majesty, in First detecting the same Plot; For which seasonable Venture of my Life and Fortune to detect the Enemies to the Protestant Succession, All the Grateful Part of your Majesty's Subjects do earnestly desire, to see me Rewarded; for tho' perhaps some (FEW) Covetous and Ungrateful Whigs may, to Magnify their own Services, endeavour to Lessen mine, yet the Reverend and Generous Author of MORDECAI's MEMORIAL has done me that great Honour, as to tell the World, 'That I have greatly Distinguished my self in your Majesty's Service, by making Discoveries that Man was intrusted with but my self, or had Courage enough to publish whilst the Traytors accus'd, govern'd the Nation. And therefore if any Envious Detrafter (or Court-Whig) should be so very Base or Ungrateful, as to deny me the Honour of being the First and Only Person that durst publish *Oxford's* and *Lincolnbroke's* Scheme to Restore the Pretender, when they were Reigning Favourites, (that they may see their FALSE LUCRATIONS farther Refuted, and DUNTON prov'd to be the Only Neck-Adventurer in your Majesty's Service in the late Reign) they'll do well to read these Lines in *Virgil*:

Pro talibus ausis
Dii (si qua est Cælo Pietasque talia curet)
Persolvant Grates dignas & premia reddant
Debita.

Virg. Æn. 2.

Thus Paraphras'd by an Ingenious Gentleman.

Ye Gods, if *Gratitude* be your Delight,
If *Honour*, *Justice*, have not left you quite;
If 'twas a Virtue in the worst of Times,
T' expose the worst of Men, and worst of Crimes;
Look back on that we *Neck or Nothing* call,
You'll own the Author ventur'd *Neck and All*.
Then wonder not that JACKS suspect his Brains,
Who but a MAD-MAN wou'd employ his Strains?
Where his NECK ventur'd, *Neck or Nothing* gains.

then I most humbly appeal to your Majesty, if I can be too
 both in my Reflections upon *Whiggish-Ingratitude*, for these
 served Ventures of *Neck or Nothing* to detect the Enemies to
 Lord-Hanover Succession, not only frighted Ox——d and B——ke
 s well new Measures to conceal their V——ny and T——son,
 efore made 'em so quarrel with one another, and Lady ABIGAIL
 m the prove at large in my *New Discoveries* entitled *The Hano-*
 of the Spy, or *Secret History of St. James's, from the Glorious Revog-*
 other in 88, down to the present Year) as wholly defeated the
 ne run white Plot that was then carrying on in the Royal Palace
 y three store the Pretender, and THE TWO POPIISH PLOTS
 or that Lifting Men in Ireland for the Pretender's Service, and
 recting Hatching in Southmark for his Restauration, had certainly
 se and Effect, had not the EARLY DISCOVERIES I made of
 n, A (in my *Neck or Nothing*, and *Court-Spy*) timely prevented
 e design, as I can prove by many *credible Witnesses*.

either was I less Zealous in detecting your Majesty's Popish
 es, enemies in the Isle of THANNET, when (of late) they were
 us AUOTTING to Restore the Pretender by A SWEDISH IN-
 t great ION, of which I'll presume to give your Majesty this brief
 nguish account, viz.

that there was made a Discovery to me by a *Worthy Gentleman* (of
 ough Isle of Thannet) of 'A Design of Landing Twenty Thousand
 . An in that Island for the Pretender's Service. This Gentleman
 ould be the Honour to say that I was 'The only Man of Integrity
 f being at he durst Trust with making the Discovery to the Present
 and Ministry. Whether a Design of Landing Twenty Thousand Men in
 y we Isle of Thannet was Matter of Fact or not, I can't assert, yet
 LUCURE your Majesty that the Gentleman who made this Disco-
 v'd to me, solemnly affirm'd that he receiv'd it from Jacobites
 he last at Great Quality (as he'd attest upon Oath before your
 Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, if his own Name, and the
 mes of the Jacobites of Quality that spake the Words might
 always conceal'd) that neither he nor I cou'd be seen in it;
 at the utmost Hazard of our Lives: However, as I never
 En. 2. d either my Life or Fortune, where I cou'd do your Ma-
 any Service, I immediately sent this Discovery to that truly
 ful and generous Patriot the Lord STANHOPE, and as I
 et had any Answer to my Letter to this Day, I presum'd his
 ship had Notice of this intended Invasion before he receiv'd
 early and seasonable Discovery I made of it.

could farther discover to your Majesty, the NAMES of se-
 Rich Jacobites that have promis'd me Great Rewards if
 desert the Whigs, and recant of Proving the Pretender a
 sh Impostor, and all his Adherents Knaves or Madmen. And
 ink I may without Vanity say, No Man is more likely to
 ve 'em so, than the Authr of *Neck or Nothing*; that Person
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The Case and Sufferings of Mr. John Dunton,
 of Honour who sent me all the Jacobite Secrets that furnish
 out that Narrative (the Truth of which was afterwards confirm'd
 by the Report made by the Committee of Secrecy) having promis'd
 send me what farther Discoveries he can make of any Jacobite
 Plots that are now carrying on against the Protestant Succession
 and no Man is likely to make more Early Discoveries of Jacobite
 Treason than this Person of Honour, not only as he is nearly relat-
 ed to several great Papists both in Great-Britain and Ireland
 (as is seen by those Early Discoveries I publish'd in my *NECK OR NOTHING*) but as he has a Friendly Correspondence with
 many great Jacobites that are still in Places of Trust and Power
 I have also discover'd My Self many False Brethren amongst the
 Jacobite Party, and am promis'd by a False Brother of Scotland
 making, (provided I'll always conceal his Name, and I wou'd not
 Betray even a Jacobite who puts his Life in my Hand upon my
 solemn Promise I'll never discover him) — *Treason in Verse, or an*
Entire Collection of all the Jacobite Poems that have been publish'd
against your Majesty and the Royal Family since the Death of Queen
Anne, to that Treasonable Poem that was writ upon the late Misunder-
standing in the Royal Palace.

Altho' I will never betray any Man that dares trust me upon
 the Honour and Veracity of my bare Word, yet I can't but own
 that this *Collection of Treasonable Poems* ought to be answer'd with
 the keenest Resentment that a Loyal Subject can possibly shew
 that dares venture *Neck or Nothing* in your Majesty's Service, and
 therefore (if AUTHORITY will give Leave) I'll Return such
 an ANSWER to 'em in VERSE, as I think they deserve
 For 'tis certain, the foremention'd *Collection of Jacobite Poems*
 has been privately dispers'd throughout Great-Britain and Ireland
 to poyson the Mob, and to excite your Majesty's Subjects to a new
 Rebellion, and if they are not speedily and keenly answer'd with
 such *Antidote Rhimes* as may expel the *Poetical-Poyson*, they
 do more Mischief than some *Whigs at Court* may perhaps imagine
 that don't know at what great Expence these *Treasonable Poems*
 have been dispers'd, and how strangely they have corrupted the
 common People, who can't perceive 'till they are smartly Answer'd
 that they are no better than *Gilded Poyson*. We see an Instance
 of this in the POEM made on the Pretender's Picture (which
 has been shewn to me upon my Solemn Promise never to Discover
 the Author) and in the Two Speeches made by the *Devout*
Martyrs (for I have fairly prov'd *William Paul* and his Brother
 Sufferer to be no better in my Essay publish'd with that Title
 which had they been sold Privately, and without any Answer to
 'em, they wou'd have done more Mischief to the Protestant
 Cause, than all the Treason the Jacobites have yet Plotted
 but these Two High-Church Speeches being publish'd by Authority
 (and with such-REMARKS as have prov'd the Rebel-Priest a

Perjur'd Justice, Two of the *Devil's Martyrs*) they have
such a mortal Wound to the Jacobite Cause, that 'twill soon
with to Nothing and dye.

I am able (tho' at a great Expence) to procure an entire
Collection of all the Jacobite Poems that have been (*Privately*)
publish'd, to Blemish the Spotless Honour and Goodness of your
Majesty's Glorious Reign, and to serve the Pretender's Interest;
I could also Publish the Oath the Jacobites have taken that
Dunton shall be the first Man they'll Hang at Tyburn, if
their *Popish Idol* (which God forbid) should Usurp your
Majesty's Throne, and be Crown'd King, and have I thus DI-
STINGUISH'D my self in your Majesty's Service, that I am
the BUT of Jacobite Revenge and Spite, and shall I be
REWARD'D by the Whigs for whom I ventur'd my Life and
name to secure to 'em that GOLDEN-AGE they now Injoy
upon your Majesty, and 'tis hoped will be continu'd in your Illus-
trous House to the World's End. BUT THUS IT IS! and I
like to Starve in a Jayl for my Expensive Hazards to Serve
the Publick. However, as the Cause of the Whigs is both Just
and Glorious (as 'tis the Cause of King GEORGE and English
Liber-
ties) I'll never desert either Them or Their Loyal Prin-
ciples: tho they shou'd suffer me to Starve in Defence of them:
wherefore the *Tories*, *High-Church-Men*, or *Jacobites*, (for
these are synonymous Words) do but expose themselves in temp-
tation by their *Golden Bait*s, for would they give me as many
pounds and Guineas as they gave to that False Brother Dr. S—rell
for *Cursing the Hanover Succession*, I'd not wrong my Consci-
ence so far as to espouse their Cursed Principles, or retract one
word I have writ of their *Sham King* (or *Little Popish Work of
the Pretender*) whom they Traiteously call James the Third. And
before I shall conclude this Head of Discoveries, with assuring
your Majesty (that as the Cause of the Whigs is Bright and Ho-
nourable tho their Souls are Little and Selfish) that no Temptation
of Power Honour or Riches, shall ever corrupt my Whiggish
Principles (or Distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE) and were
I now in a Starving Condition (by the Necessity I lay under
of selling my Rings, Plate, Watch, and *Phoenix Library* (a)
by consigning over my Rent to a Necessitous Creditor, that
I have the very Bread on which I subsist) I had neither troubled
your Majesty with this Detection of TORY GRATITUDE to
the Pretender, nor would Ruin their Country (by Restoring a Popish Pre-
tender with this *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude* to
venture Neck or Nothing to save it.

call it so, as 'tis a Collection of scarce and valuable Pieces, to
only in the Closets of the Curious.

I cou'd Name many other *desperate and chargeable Hazards* that I ran of my Life and Fortune to detect the Enemies of your Majesty and your *Illustrious House* in the worst of Times but having made a faithful and large Discovery of 'em in *Secret History of Whiggish Ingratitude* (of which this Account my CASE and SUFFERINGS is a *short Abridgement*) I presume to trouble your Majesty with any farther Account of 'em here, designing to publish that (*Large*) *Secret History* in a few Days (with the Title of *Mordecai's Dying Groans from the Fleet Prison*) except your Majesty, or those Faithful Patriots the Lord *Sunderland*, the Lord *Stanhope*, or Mr. Secretary *Addison* command the contrary; for having Ruin'd my Self to *Save my Country*, I now lie under a Necessity of publishing these *DYING GROANS*, (or *Large History of Whiggish Ingratitude*) were it for no other reason but to raise Compassion in my Fellow-Subjects that they might make such a General Purse-as will pay all my Debts (or at least keep me from Starving). But as this would be some Reflection on your Majesty's Royal Bounty and Goodness (my Venture of *Neck or Nothing* being chiefly made to *Save your Majesty*, and the Protestant Succession in your *Illustrious House*) I hope I shall partake of it in so Generous a Manner that will suppress *Mordecai's Dying Groans from the Fleet Prison*, for the future make all Whiggish Ingratitude and Avarice as much abhorr'd as 'tis now practis'd at Court (tho' to the detriment of your Majesty's Eternal Honour, without either your Knowledge or Consent, as will soon appear by the good Success of this my self and Case at your Royal Feet). For as my Deplored Case contains nothing but plain Matter of Fact, (as your Majesty's Royal Promise of *never forgetting those that have distinguished themselves in your Service*, was never yet broke, even to the meanest Subject) I'll presume to say, If Debts contracted in detecting your Majesty's Enemies, and the great Wants I now lie under upon that Account, will give me a Title to the Royal Bounty of a Generous Prince, I shan't fear to obtain it in a few Days: For as my *Loyal Hazards*, (to secure the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's *Illustrious House*) cou'd not be run out without Danger from the Ministry, neither cou'd they without Expence to me, who was not assisted by One Shilling from any Person whatever, my own Paternal Estate, and when that failed my Credit in the City of London, bore the whole Charge.

Had I valu'd my own private Interest and Advantage (as I do) more than the *Welfare and Prosperity of my own Native Country*, I should not have concern'd my self in State-Affairs, and then perhaps I had been in full possession of that plentiful Fortune to which I was born, all I have sacrific'd to the real Service of my Country, by using my Endeavours, in every Respect, to preserve and secure the

GION, LIBERTY, and PROPERTY of it (and that by venturing *Neck or Nothing* in the several Instances before mentioned, to secure the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's *Illustrious House*). And I am sure every knowing Person must confess, That if there had not been some Active and Bold Spirits, who would not tamely submit to *Arbitrary Power*, and who durst Bravely Stem the Tide, when Popery and Slavery, like an Inundation was breaking in upon us, and sweeping all our Rights and Properties before it (I'll presume to affirm it again to your Majesty) If there had not been some such Persons, we had All most certainly, long e're now, bore the Insupportable Yoke, and been enslav'd with our Posterity for ever. Neither was my Early, Bold and Successful ZEAL, to detect the Enemies to my King and Country (when it lay at the Brink of Ruin) Greater than my Expence to procure and publish those Jacobite Secrets that I discover'd at the Hazard of my Life and Fortune.

Your Majesty will not wonder then that such Expensive Services, and a *Three Years* almost as Expensive an Attendance upon *Courtiery*, have reduc'd me to so extream a Necessity, as either lay in this presuming manner my self at your Sacred Feet, or serve out the remainder of my Life in a Prison.

If all these Zealous Endeavours to Detect and Defeat the Plots of a Popish Pretender, and to set the Avarice and Ingratitude of the *Court-Whigs* in a true Light, han't yet so far Distinguish'd my Services to the *Illustrious House of Hanover*, as to bring me to the Honourable Number of those Loyal Subjects whom your Majesty has promis'd from the Throne, you will never forget, I will my New Venture of *Neck or Nothing to Save the Church, and the Pulpit Lunaticks*) will effectually do it, for I'm told my VENTURE of *Neck or Nothing to Save the Church and the Pulpit Lunaticks* is scrib'd to that Spotless and Immortal Prelate, *Benjamin Lord Bishop of Bangor*) has been of as great Service, in shaming our Invocation Madmen out of their Spiritual Phrenzy, (for that's the best can be said of their Mad Report to promote the Pretence of Interest, by dividing and confounding the Nation, with charging an Orthodox Bishop with *Dangerous Positions and Doctrines*) as my former Venture of *Neck or Nothing* to save the Church was to Detect the Plots of a Popish Pretender, and his sed Adherents the High-Church-Men. However, that the World may see I keep still to Matter of Fact, in all my Ventures of *Neck or Nothing* to save either Church or State, (and desire no Rewards but such as are justly due to my Loyal Hazards to the Publick) I'll (anon) implore your Majesty's Sentence of Life or Death for what I have here discover'd either of the State Pulpit-Lunaticks, and shall desire no other Tryal, for what shall be your Majesty's Royal Sentence upon my Neck Adventures,

tures, I shall presume to hope that my Gracious Sovereign will think it a Distinguishing Proof both of my Loyalty to your Sacred Person, and of my Love to the Naked Truth, that I here (as well as in my Detection of the *Pulpit-Lunaticks*) give a True Character of the Bishop of BANGOR, who has Defended Revolutionary Principles in a much Brighter Manner than any Clergyman in the Kingdom besides, for *He can say what he will, and prove what he says upon all Subjects*, (but more especially the *Glorious Revolution in 88*) and his Healing and Excellent Sermon [*Of the Kingdom and Church of Christ*] is Unanswerable, as is seen by *Sh--ck Sn--pe*, (and other Cavilling Authors) to their Eternal Shame. For my Lord Bishop of Bangor is truly *A Right Reverend Father in God*, (i. e. He is a Primitive Bishop in Piety, Learning, Doctrine, Charity and Morals) and those Bulky (or Mad) Reporters that attempt to asperse his unblemish'd Character, do but disgrace themselves (by their Advertisements) and add new Glory to his spreading Fame.

Neither was my *Venture of Neck or Nothing to Save the Church* (intituled *The Pulpit-Lunaticks*) less Necessary and Reasonable than my *Venture of Neck or Nothing to Save the State* for 'twas made at a Time when the Spotless Honour and Veracity of the Bishop of Bangor was aspers'd with such [*Absolutely and Properly*] and other Downright (or Bulky) Falshoods, as many of the truly Pious and Learned Dean of *Peterborough* think it necessary (in Answer to the False Accusations of the Credulous and Mis-Reporting *Sh--ck* and *Sn--pe*) to tell the World (a) that I dare assure him (viz. Dr. *Sh--ck*) That if the Dean of *Peterborough* could have been an Evidence for the Bishop of *Carlisle* he would not have fail'd him as a Christian, as a Clergyman, as an old Friend; he was oblig'd, he was inclin'd not to fail him, and he had never fail'd his Lordship in any Office of Right and Justice, in any Capacity of Service, for above two seven Years together. And therefore if the Master by his Tropes and Figures would imply, that the Dean could have been his Lordship's Evidence against the Bishop of Bangor, but was by some Method (of Hope suppose, or Terrour) induc'd to fail him, he thereby makes the whole Story again his own, and ought in common Honesty to bring some new Evidence for it, or to take the Shame of being a false Accuser of his Brethren. The Dean can do no more than seriously resolve to insert it as a part of his last Will and Testament, and to repeat it in his Dying-Words (if God permit) That he never did assist the Lord Bishop of Bangor in any of his Writings whatsoever, and never did make, offer, or suggest any Amendment or Alteration whatsoever in his Lordship's Preface, or in his Sermon of the Kingdom of Christ; and ne-

(a) In his Treatise intituled *Dr. Snape instructed*, &c.

did see the Copies, or any Part of them, before they were printed and published; and that he never did say to the Bishop of Carlisle, or to any other Mortal, that he did so assist the Bishop of Bangor, or amend any Passage in his Writings.

By this solemn Protestation in Dean Kennet's WILL, 'tis fairly prov'd to your Majesty, that the Lord Bishop of Bangor has not only been falsly Accus'd by a P-late that boasts of his Bulky Reputation till he has lessen'd it beneath that of the poorest Wretch that wou'd prefer an Honest Character to the See of Durham (or the greatest Bishoprick in your Majesty's Gift). Neither hath the Lordship been better us'd by the High-Church Dissenters, that Preach in Conventicles and Private Alleys) or Preaching-Fathoms, that Cant every Sunday of the CHURCH's DAN-g, DOER, on purpose to RESTORE a Popish PRETENDER. Reported for that reason Dr. Kennet (Dean of Peterborough) to his immortal Honour, has told the World (a) that 'Tis natural Glory for Men of Ambition [*i. e.* for such Hereditary-Canters, or Anti-Revolution Priests, that Mis-Report the Lord Bishop of Bangor] to press and thrust forward in every Place, to form and set themselves into a strenuous Body, to boast of their Numbers, and the Force of them, to propagate strange Notions by Dis-Veracity of their own Authority, to impose them upon the People un-telously after the Sanction of the Church, or in the Name of it; to mag-asify the Sovereign Powers, when in Grace and Good Humour t necessity with them; to oppose and resist them when not gratify'd by ilous them; [and I'll presume to add to the Dean's Charge, how would d (a) have rebell'd, even in the Pulpit, had they ventur'd Neck of Peter Nothing?] 'to work most upon the weaker Princes, and to f Carlisle hurt the People when they are easier to be deceiv'd; to lay Dark yman, schemes at a Distance, to let them run under-ground, and rise a-fail him in, and sink again, as they please; to be one and all in pushing Right a main Design, and making every Step subservient to it; to even Yaken the Obligations of Oaths when they are pinch'd with the nd Figure of them; and to make them very tremendous, when they rdship's given on their side; to preach up Sedition when they are out ne Meth Favour, and Absolute Obedience when they are in; to drop ne thereir old Principles if they no longer serve their Turn, and yet mmonly acknowledge no Change in themselves; to run down every the Scandal that stands in their way, however Good or Great, and to can do laud every sorry Creature that will become their Tool; and is last W keep up a Majority at least among the Women and Boys. ds (if G These Men (continues Dr. Kennet) to whatever Protestant ngor in Church or Country they belong, are according to their more , or sug potent Condition, the very JESUITS of the Reformation. ship's Pre I'll presume to add to the Dean's Words) the only Reporting ; and ne

In his late Treatise intituled, Dr. Snape instructed.

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Members of the Lower-House of Convocation that are Enemies to my Ld Bp of *Bangor*, or that have censur'd his Excellent Sermon upon *the Kingdom and Church of Christ*; and therefore I hope my Resolution to live and die in Defence of Bishop HOADLY's Orthodox and Loyal *Positions and Doctrines*, will give me some Distinction in your Majesty's Favour, or at least prove I shall always defend the Piety and Justice of Revolution-Principles (against the Convocation Rebels, for they are no better that defame an Orthodox Bishop for his distinguish'd Loyalty to King GEORGE) whilst I can use either SWORD or PEN, or am in MY RIGHTS.

How far these Bold Discoveries (or Loyal Hazards) to fix the Crown on your Majesty's Head, have deserv'd a distinguish'd Mark of your Royal Favour, (or in plainer English, such a BOUNTY or PENSION as may not only pay all my Debts, but make my future Life a little easy and comfortable) I willingly submit to the Determination of my Gracious Sovereign: For as the Lord G——phin said of an Honest Gentleman (that had discover'd some Bold Truths as some Court-Misers could not digest) *That he ought to be either Hang'd or Rewarded for his Plain-Dealing*; so I do not but those Whig-Statesmen whose Avarice and Ingratitude have here detected, will say the same of him that writes *Dunton's Case* (tho common Justice, as well as Necessity forces him to lay it at your Majesty's Feet). However we (now) live in a Realm where Truth does not pass for Treason, nor no Man hang'd without a fair Tryal, and therefore I freely submit my CASE (or Discoveries) to your Majesty's Royal Sentence, and I hope (to the Words of that Faithful Patriot the Lord G——phin) 'twill be this, *That John Dunton shall be presently Hang'd, or Rewarded*. The last part of this Sentence will be greatly dislik'd both by your Majesty's and the Kingdom's Enemies, and for no other reason but the Author of *Neck or Nothing* has publish'd such Plain English: no Man has had the Honesty or Courage to speak but DUNTON either in this or the last Reign; and therefore no doubt but the Court-Whigs whose Avarice and Ingratitude is here detected, think Hanging the fittest Punishment for a *Plain Dealer*; and if I do, I shall very Loyally put the Halter about my NECK, I chuse rather to be Hang'd at once, than to be Repriev'd for any other reason than that I might Starve all the way to my Goal, which I must do, if I am confin'd to the Fleet-Prison for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds.

This Ingratitude (of imprisoning the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, for Debts contracted in the Service of the Royal Family) 'tis believ'd is wholly unknown to your Majesty; for the whole Reign has been Bright and SPOTLESS, yet I shan't be ple to say, That if your Majesty excels in one Vertue more than another, 'tis that of (Nobly) Rewarding such as deserve it;

emies that Reason that Eminent Clergyman who writ the Narra-
 on upon my Publick Services (intitled *Mordecai's Memorial*) Great-
 ly Respects that the Whigs at Court (though they know I have
 orthodoxy'd my Self to Save my Country) han't yet inform'd your
 distinction that *Nothing is done for me*, and that tho' they know my
 defence Hereditary Distempers the *Stone* and *Rheumatism* render me
 the Confit for any Publick Place, that I must now unavoidably *Starve*
 orthodoxy *Jayl* (after venturing my Life, and spending my own Estate
 whilst detecting the Plots of a Popish Impostor) if your Majesty's
 RIGH al Bounty does not set me above the Rage and Cruelty of
 Trading-Canibals (or Merciless Creditors) who make Dice
 to fix humane Bones, and think 'tis some Satisfaction for a Despe-
 inguish Debt, when they can Starve their Prisoner by a long Con-
 a BOUNT ment. But I hope there's no danger of my being thus Bu-
 out may Alive for my Faithful Service to my King and Country, for
 y sub ever my Opinion, *That if your Majesty was perfect in the*
 the L *Office of any Virtue, 'twas that of A Generous Gratitude to all*
 ver'd f *as have Distinguish'd themselves in your Service.* I don't speak
 at he out of respect to my own Advancement, for I can with truth
 so I do m, *I had no Rewards in view when I first ventur'd my Life and*
 gratitude mber'd my Fortune to Serve your Majesty; and (next to paying
 writes Debts, and dying with a good Conscience) I only desire my
 ces him al Hazards may be Rewarded, that your Majesty's Royal
 in a Re titude, and a Whig-Ministry may be no longer censur'd on
 ng'd w Account. And I think no Man can doubt this that reads
 CASE (RDECAI's MEMORIAL, where the Reverend Author tells
 pe (to World, 'I had never concern'd my self in Mr. Dunton's Af-
 twill be r now, did I not think, nay know, the King's Honour, as
 rded. ell as the Ministry's, concern'd in Rewarding his Publick Ser-
 your M ces. The *Body of Dissenters*, (who to a Man are all Hearty
 on but vers of King GEORGE) nay all our Country Whigs Mur-
 English ar at his being Neglected; his Reputation stands so fair in
 DUNTON e British World, that 'twill look ill not to regard the Man.
 t but t d therefore (*continues the Reverend Author of this Memorial*)
 tected, have in the best Manner I was able, pleaded the Cause of the
 and if or Man who sav'd the City, and whom no Man remember'd—
 ECK, thus far the Reverend Author of *Mordecai's Memorial*; and I
 ev'd fo presume to add to his Words, 'That if it be the Desire of
 my G e whole Nation that *Mordecai's Distinguish'd Loyalty* shou'd
 for the Rewarded, they can be no Real Friends to your Ma-
 ty (let 'em be either *Whig* or *Tory*) that by Concealing or
 Neck or misrepresented his *Neck-Adventures to Serve the Publick* do
 yal Fan they can to prevent it, and thereby Blemish your Majesty's
 r tho rtial Rewards to all your Loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*,
 shan't without any manner of Reason, for the Neglect of Reward-
 e more ny Publick Services lies wholly at their Doors who have nei-
 rve it; wanted Opportunity nor a full Conviction of the Truth of
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my Services and Sufferings, which is a most aggravated Ingratitude in those Court-Whigs who have raised their Fortunes by Loyal Hazards to Serve the Publick, as my Creditors will shew at large, (*In a Weekly Petition to your Majesty's Royal Honour, Justice, Gratitude, and the rest of your Princely Virtues*) if this Abreachment of Whiggish Ingratitude, ADDRESS'D to your Majesty, be not bless'd with that good Success as All my Fellow-Citizens (and true Friends to the *Hanover* Succession) both expect and hope for (*viz.* A compleat Deliverance from all my Troubles). Which great Blessing (tho we can merit nothing from God Almighty yet) I have the greater hopes to expect it, as I desire a Good Estate for no other reason but ——— *To pay all my Debts* ——— and requite those Winter Friends that never deserted me in any Difficulties ——— *To purchase the common Necessarys of Life* ——— And ——— *To be very kind to the Poor, and all Men in Distress, be they of what Party they will* ——— For as I had the honour to be the youngest Son of a very Pious, Learned, and Moderate Divine of the Church of England (*viz.* Mr. John Dunton, late Rector of *St. Andrew's* in *Bucks*) and to be Son-in-Law to that Famous Dissenting Minister, Dr. Samuel Annesly (formerly Minister of *Cripplegate* and most deservedly valu'd for his great Piety, Learning, and Charity) I shall ever have a most sincere Love and Compassion for all true Protestants of any Denomination, provided they be hearty Lovers of King George and their Native Country, which is the Distinguishing Character of all the Protestant Dissenters in *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, for I not only printed their Celebrated MORNING EXERCISES, (by which means I came acquainted with all the most Eminent Dissenting Ministers that have bless'd your Majesty's Realms with their Excellent Preaching and Holy Lives) but had the Honour to be intimately acquainted with the Reverend Dr. Samuel Annesly (the chief Supporter of that Pious and Excellent Work) many Years, and do affirm upon my own Knowledge, for that Ten Months I liv'd in his Family. That he never Pray'd in his House (which he did constantly every Morning and Evening, I wish I could say the same of our *Holy Church* Men. that boast so much of their Loyalty) but he Prayed for the King and the Royal Family. And the same was prov'd by that Eminent Dissenting Minister Mr. Roswell, when he was try'd and acquitted for his Distinguish'd Loyalty to *Charles* the second, (for that was all the Crime the perjur'd Informers could prove against him). So that 'tis evident the Protestant Dissenters are as great Friends to Monarchy (as those that Cant so much of the Martyrdom of *Charles* the First) and being all Men of true Pious, Loyal and Healing Principles, I hope 'twon't be long before we shall see such an *Act of Comprehension* (or Bill for uniting of Protestants) as will convince all your Majesty's Subjects that ought to be United in Affection, as well as Interest; for 'tis our

Ingrates by **PULPIT-INCENDIARIES** (such as *Sacheverell, Higgins, Wel-*
 will flatter that have made the Right Way to Heaven harder to find than
 your, really is; for (to use the Words of Archbishop Tillotson) *We*
are in every thing, and Quarrel about nothing. 'Twas K. William
 Majesty's ever-glorious Memory) that declar'd on his Death-Bed, *He*
was a Christian of a Comprehensive Charity; and I resolve, as far
 and as possibly I can, to imitate this truly Christian Temper towards
 Which as different from me in lesser Matters, (viz. in a few Rites
 and Ceremonies) no ways essential to Salvation. And therefore
 Goodness can't confine my Kindness (or Charity) to one Sect more
 than another, but to the truly Honest and Charitable Person of
 Diffusion. For tho' I resolve to live and dye in the Com-
 munion of the Church of *England*, (a Church your Majesty has
 been always Protected, and greatly Distinguish'd with your Royal
 the Bars) yet I shall never repine to see the signal Services of a
 e of constant Dissenter Rewarded, any more than I shall that of a
 of a Churchman (so call'd by those Railing Priests that want to
 Dissent their old Trade of *Persecuting Tender Consciences*) for they
 cripples much deserve to partake of ROYAL GRANTS or FAVOURS
 ing, they now do in several Parts of the Kingdom) as those that
 compass under the Name of True (or Moderate) Churchmen. And
 they before I can't forbear taking this Opportunity to inform your
 Majesty, 'That 'tis a very Great Hardship to the Protestant Dis-
 senters, (as they are exceeded by none in Loyalty and Affec-
 Celestial to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government) that they
 are not put into an EQUAL Capacity of Serving your Majesty
 that has rest of their Fellow-Subjects (by a *Repeal of those Persecu-*
ting Laws they now groan under) for this would not only Streng-
 thening the Protestant Interest in Great-Britain and Ireland, but by
 uniting Mens Affections in your Majesty's Interest, and to one
 firm in Brotherly Love, would make a sort Heaven upon
 Earth. And therefore (to use those excellent Words in the
 late Address to your Majesty) *'We doubt not but that all*
Protestants will by the happy Influence of your Majesty's Admini-
stration, be United; and that part of them who at present by Law
are excluded, put upon an Equal Foot with their Fellow Subjects,
so the Hands of the Church of England may be Strengthened
against the Papists and their cursed Adherents, who build their
on nothing so much as the DIVISIONS now amongst
 Dissenters much (says the Ingenious Author of *The Defection consider'd*) it
 is true of a Kingdom divided in it self, that it cannot stand,
 no doubt hold as strongly of any Party in a Nation if
 chance to be at Variance among themselves; and there-
 no doubt every true Friend to his Country and the Protec-
 Succession in your Majesty's Illustrious House, will do all
 lies in his power, to Encourage and Unite the Friends to
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‘ the present Government, and to Discourage its Enemies.
 (to use the Words of the foremention’d Author) ‘ *Can a Government long be Safe, which neglects all lawful Means for Weakening its Enemies, and Strengthening its Friends?* And there
 ‘ certainly those Loyal Whigs that venture *Neck or Nothing*
 ‘ *your Majesty’s Service*, ought to be all rewarded, or at least
 ‘ above the daily Fears of Arrests and Starving; for ’tas been
 ‘ serv’d in all Reigns from *Charles I.* down to the Death of
 ‘ late Majesty, that when a Mean Courtship has been made
 ‘ those in Power to the *Tories* or High-Churchmen, they
 ‘ not only Divided and Confounded the Nation, but (as ’oft
 ‘ their Prince has confided in them) have brought it to the
 ‘ of Ruin.

Thus I have presum’d to lay my CASE and SUFFERING
 at your Majesty’s Feet in such *A Faithful Detection* (or SECRET
 HISTORY) of *Whiggish Ingratitude* and *Avarice*, as will greatly
 SURPRIZE your Royal Person and Family, and FULLY CONVINCE
 your Majesty’s Loyal Subjects (who HEINOUSLY read
 it that the *Whigs at Court* have SO LONG deferr’d inform
 your Majesty of my Loyal Hazards in detecting the Enemies
 your Illustrious House) that Mr. *R-b-t W—pole* is not the
 WHIG-MINISTER who solemnly Promis’d me to inform
 Majesty of my Early, Hazardous, and Successful Venture of
 or Nothing to Secure THE HANOVER SUCCESSION, without
 out (ONCE) speaking to your Majesty about it. However
 being MY DEPLORABLE CASE, as well as my Real Sentiments
 both of your Majesty’s FRIENDS and ENEMIES, after a
 Secret and Impartial Search into their Religion, Conversation,
 Loyalty, I hope my Gracious Sovereign will pardon the Boldness
 of this Address from an Honest and Faithful Subject, who
 thought any Expence or Danger fit to be put in Competition
 with his Duty to his King and Country. Indeed, I blush to
 a Begging Address to a Monarch of your Majesty’s Generosity,
 never reflect on your Royal Goodness in ordering me such an
 serv’d Mark of your Gracious Acceptance of my Loyalty (as
 small Instance of it which the Count de *Bothmar* did me the
 honour to present to your Majesty, call’d THE GOLDEN AWARD
 without being sensibly touch’d with your Majesty’s Condescension
 and Goodness to so mean a Subject. I never look on the
 DAL your Majesty was then graciously pleas’d to order me,
 out observing how justly your Majesty claims the Affections as
 as Duty of your Subjects, and how fully your Majesty makes
 that gracious Promise made us in your first Speech, NEVER
 forget THOSE WHO HAVE DISTINGUISH’D THEMSELVES IN YOUR SERVICE,
 relying on this Gracious Promise and your Majesty’s known Goodness,
 and comparing both the whole Course of your Majesty’s most Wise and Gracious

honour towards all your Subjects, that not only as many of
as have faithfully served your Majesty (and are so happy as
have their Services made known to your Majesty) are Nobly
rewarded, but that even the worst of Subjects (REBELS) have
of your Royal Clemency. When I consider this, I can't for-
east humbly hoping that the poor Author of *Neck or Nothing*
been likewise share of your Majesty's Bounty, tho' were my Estate
th of from an Incumbrance of a Thousand Pounds, mostly con-
made in your Majesty's Service, or not shackl'd with a Jointure,
they that it could clear it self, I beg leave humbly to assure your
s of Majesty, so greatly does the Joy of seeing your Majesty firmly e-
the Bless'd on the Throne of your Ancestors, in spite of the Ma-
inations of all your Enemies, compensate all my Sufferings, my
ARDS and Expences to secure, as much as in me lay, the Inva-
SECRE Blessing of your Majesty's Reign, that I should never desire
ill great other Reward; and tho' I may complain of an Ungenerous
Y Commitment from a Fellow Subject, I shall even without a Sigh,
LY spend the Remainder of my Days in a Prison, if my Gracious
inform your Majesty is pleased to have it so, and whatever Fate your Majesty
enemies under God justly claims all my Duty, and disposes of my
the (I am being here) is pleased to order for me (whether Liberty
form Confinement) I shall still remain in the Integrity of my Soul,
e of Love, Honour and Serve your Sacred Majesty, to the utmost
ON, with the Vacuity of a Loyal, Dutiful and Affectionate Subject (for not
ever being able to govern Events, I endeavour to govern My-Self) and
deal so much rather Starve in the Service of King George, than to
S, after the Honour of being a Lord High-Treasurer to a Popish
cation, tender.

ad that CELEBRATED PATRIOT Sir Richard S——, (as the Reverend Author of *Mordecai's Memorial* has fairly
who n (d) never ran the Fortieth Part of those Desperate Hazards
ompete I did in the late Reign to detect your Majesty's Enemies
sh to I so long without a Royal Reward for his Excellent (tho' no
rofit, so long without a Royal Reward for his Excellent (tho' no
h an u Hazardous) Service, as I have lain in a Starving Condition
ty (as want of having those NECK-ADVENTURES told to your
ne the Majesty, he would have TATLED louder against the INGRA-
EN A UDE of a Whig-Ministry than I have done either in this
ndesce tive of my Case and Sufferings, or in my *Larger History of*
n the gish Ingratitude (now ready for Publication); But *Kissing*
me, by Favour, and Sir Richard having Friends at Court that have
ons as access to your Majesty, he has not only received such a Royal
makes ty as has paid his Debts, and set him above all future Fears
NEVER ing Arrested, but (as 'tis said) 'Now possesses above Two Thou-
D TH d Pounds a Year in Places, and is still in pursuit of Greater Pre-
us Pro ment; and no doubt (having Whig-Dukes, Earls, Lords and
both ners to inform your Majesty of the Great Service he has done
gracious Kingdom by his Loyal and Excellent CR——SIS) will obtain

it as a just Reward for his Distinguish'd Loyalty to the House of *Hanover*; Whereas the Height of my Ambition is only to be free of Debt, and to enjoy such an annual Pension (for my Early and Successful Venture of **NECK OR NOTHING** to Serve your Majesty) as may deliver me from those Pinching Difficulties under which I am now Groaning, and which were so afflicting to *DONNATES*, that upon his complaining to King *Charles* the Second of the Ingratitude he met with from his Tory-Ministers, that Generous Prince not only gave him a *Royal Bounty* to pay his Debts, but a *PENSION* of *Five Hundred Pounds a Year* for Life. But whatever my Fate be, either a *Royal Bounty*, or to be Buried Alive in the Fleet-Prison, I shall think it Honour, Justice, and Reward enough to Live or Dye by your Majesty's Own SENTENCE.

'Tis true, Self-Preservation is the Great Law of Nature, and therefore I can't but own to your Majesty that it greatly afflicted me, that after being Born a Gentleman and Bred a Scholar, and Heir to an Estate of above Four Thousand Pounds in Land, that I must now be forc'd to spend (or rather Starve out) my Remaining Days in a Prison, for the want of that very Money, which I freely spent out of my own Pocket in the Service of my King and Country; But if 'tis your Majesty's Royal Pleasure that I shall live and dye in the Fleet-Prison, the Will of the Lord be done, for I shall alway practice that Passive-Obedience to my Lawful Sovereign as the High-Churchmen only pretend to, and had I any thing Dearer than Life, it should freely go to Secure King William's LEGACY (the Protestant Succession in the Illustrious House of *Hanover*) for I lately ventur'd Neck or Nothing in your Majesty's Service, and tho I should ne'er be Rewarded for it, will always affirm,

*He either fears his Fate too much,
Or his Desert's but small,
That dares not put it to the Touch,
To gain or lose it all.*

And therefore that Loyal and Ingenious Gentleman, who has so far consider'd the *Defection at Court*, as to set the Designs of those who Divided the Friends of the Government in a true Light, seeing the Necessity of this Resolution, has had the Honour and Courage to tell the World, ' If the Whigs have no Mind to Perish in the Harbour, after having escap'd so many Storms of Sea, they must now resume their former Bravery, [and I will add *Gratitude* to the *Neck-Adventurers in your Majesty's Service*] and when Men are so Happy as to have such Leaders who are as much above Fear, as Covetousness, or Corruption, COURAGE naturally descends and inspires a whole Party.

And surely the Example of a Sovereign who shews so much Resolution and Steadiness in all his Actions, must influence his Royal Subjects, and make them act with Vigour and Unanimity, preventing the Designs of Ill [*i. e.* Ungrateful and Covetous] Under-ten, who to throw us into Confusion, have been every where to Destroy not only Industrious to create Divisions and Faction, but so Secondary Selfish (or Partial) to their own Relations and Friends, as, tho' to Reward few that (like the Author of this *Humble Address* pay to your Majesty) have ventur'd *Neck or Nothing* to Defeat the Pretensions of a Popish Pretender, and to fix the Crown upon the Buried of that Rightful and Ever-Glorious Prince that now wears the Crown, to the entire Satisfaction of every sincere Protestant (or Real *SE* King) in the British Dominions.

And as a proof of this Steady Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government, I'll conclude this *Abridgment of Whiggish Ingratitude* with informing your Majesty, that on *Tuesday*, January 17th, 1718. one of the Tide-Waiters of the Customs seized on board an English Ship from Holland, a Rich SWORD of very Fearous Workmanship, Scimiter-Fashion, two Foot of the Blade Monish, and very much Perfum'd, with the Pretender's Effigies, and the Titles of *James the 3d, &c.* on one side; and on the other side the following Lines, *viz.*

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*With this Good Sword thy Cause I will maintain,
And for thy Sake, Oh! James, I'll breathe each Vein.*

This SWORD, no doubt, was sent as a Present to some Jacobite of Quality that's now in a New Plot against your Majesty's Crown and Dignity: And if that *Person of Honour* who sent me those Early Discoveries that furnish'd out *Neck or Nothing*, could by his distinguish'd Zeal in your Majesty's Service, get me Information what New Treason is now Plotting against the Royal Family, (as the Experience he has already had of my Fidelity to him, and to your Majesty's Illustrious House, will encourage him to trust me with it) I'll publish it to the whole World, tho' the Discovery of it should go as long Unrewarded as TEN VENTURES of *Neck or Nothing* to Detect your Majesty's Enemies have yet done, or should end in my Perpetual Imprisonment (or Lingring Death) for *True Loyalty* (as well as *True Honour*) is its own Reward, and I had much rather Starve in your Majesty's Service, than live a distinguish'd Favourite to a Popish Tyrant.

And I would that your Majesty may be farther assur'd that 'twas ever my Opinion that ——— Poverty, Rags, a Jayl, Starving, and Death it self—(if got in your Royal Service) is preferable to your Honour, Riches, Pension, or even a Knighthood, receiv'd from a Popish King, I'll presume to add to this Address to your Ma-

The Case and Sufferings, of Mr. John Dunton,
 jesty a POEM that was deliver'd to me by the Ingenious
 Mr. George Jefferys, who assur'd me 'twas writ by a young Gentleman of a Noble Family, and Heir to a vast Estate; and therefore tho the Noble BARD who sent it, has run so high in Praise as to make me (even) Blush to publish it, yet as this POEM contains a Grateful Acknowledgment of my Loyal Hazards to Serve *your Majesty*, (and can't be conceal'd or alter'd without disobliging my Generous Unknown Friend that sent it) I shall present it to *your Majesty* as 'twas sent to me in the following Words.

A POEM, Humbly Inscrib'd to Mr. JOHN DUNTON, Author of that Excellent Book (or Loyal Irony) intitl'd, Seeing no Believing; or, King George prov'd a U—per, and the whole Reign one continu'd Act of C—lty and Op—

VIRTUS POST FUNERA VIVIT.

GO on — Neck Dunton (a) to espouse our Cause,
 Assert our Rights, our Liberties and Laws;
 Your Sense is solid, and your Thoughts divine,
 And STANHOPE shines in your Immortal Line (b).
 You boldly Lash the Vices of this Age,
 Nor fear the Jacks envenom'd spiteful Rage.
 Oh! did Great GEGRGE (our Rightful Monarch) know
 What's Due to you, what mighty Debts he owes,
 No doubt, his Kingly Bounty he'd extend,
 To One so Loyal, and so True a Friend.
 ON therefore (SIR) no threatening Dangers fear,
 Merit oppress'd deserves a Patriot's Care (c).
 Boldly pursue your HAZARDS; never end,
 Till stubborn TORIES to our Monarch bend;

(a) Alluding to Mr. Dunton's Celebrated Tract, intitl'd, Nothing or Nothing, publish'd to detect his Majesty's Enemies when Oxford and Bolingbroke were both in Power.

(b) That Loyal and Excellent Character that Mr. Dunton given of the Lord Stanhope (in his Essay intitl'd The Shortest Way with the King; or, Plain English spoke to his Majesty) is meant.

(c) This is asserted by the Reverend Author of Mordecai's Memorial, who tells the World in pag. 16. of that Ingenious Treatise, 'It is so far from being below the Greatest Men in Britain to espouse the Cause of Poor Mr. Dunton, that they cou'd not do themselves more Honour; it is no less than their Duty, Debt of Gratitude they owe, and the neglect of it would render them Dishonourable and Mean.'

each with Heart Sincere and Pure, do pay
 Firm Obedience to Great GEORGE's Sway,
 the GOLDEN AGE can spring no other way!
 in the GOLDEN-Age! when all Mankind were bless'd.
 as later then the *Talion-Law* was in request,
 al Hall *Chancery-Courts* were kept in ev'ry Breast).
 altho Tory Mobs or * Rebel-Priest, we find,
 sent was the *Golden-Age*, and ev'ry thing was kind.
 the the *Golden-Age*, a meer Poetick Flight (a) !
 ut by King *George* reviv'd, is now so Bright,
 hat in *His* Reign we have the Real Sight,
 N, which Jacks Usurping call, but is a just and legal Right.
 Seeing no Usurper ever yet was seen,
 and kept in *Cromwell's* Time, and *Popish* Reigns
 p—hen (SIR) your loyal Wit might well presage,
 hat *George's* Reign would prove a *Golden-Age* (b) ;
 or all BELIEVE what they do plainly SEE
 surping Kings are only such as be
 spits at Heart, or Rule by Tyranny :
 hat's have no Right to Rule the Common-Weal,
 it what's a Sham, or stamp'd with *Popish* Zeal.
 as *Dunton* Bites the Jacks by Irony, (c)
 loyal way of giving Knaves the Lye!
 hat would a Monster make of *Monarchy*.
 pish Head to Protestant Body join !
 hen swear the Monstrous-Reign is *Right Divine*,
 cause a *Sham Hereditary-Line*.
 REVOLUTION is the Peoples Right,
 here Monarchs make their Reign a ROYAL-BITE.
 as *Dunton* you prove, and like—*A Man of Parts*,
 None are KINGS but what (d) Usurp our Hearts.
 Love to Kings that makes their *Right Divine*,
 now is seen in Royal *George's* Line :

ed, No you'd it be (as he's the *Best* of Men)
 en Ox he asks ONE Heart, we'd (Gladly) give him TEN

unton Parson Paul lately Executed at Tyburn is here meant.
 portest W That is, *The Golden-Age* was a meer Fiction till the late
 ty) is of Guineas made it Real.

Mr. *Dunton* writ a Book intitl'd *The Golden-Age*, for which
 decal's Majesty order'd him a *Gold Medal*.

us Treas This is largely prov'd in Mr. *Dunton's* Five Essays, intitl'd
 Britain The Manifesto of John the Second — The Royal Intrigue of
 ou'd not Farming-Pan — Queen Robin — Ox — and Bull —
 Duty, — Frank Scammony.

would By Usurpation here is only meant the absolute Conquest of
 Affections (to our great Advantage) tho against our Wills.

Thus

Thus SEEING's BELIEVING, and can find no Flaw,
 Where *Kings* are *Fathers*, and are made by Law.
 What Monarchs thus Usurp, are Kings indeed !
 The rest are TYRANTS (*Kings of Nero's Breed*).
 That Revolution-Principles agree,
 With Honour, Justice, and True Monarchy,
 We see, Great GEGRGE, Exemplify'd in Thee
 ' Heaven first decreed Great *George* should Reign, and then
 ' Consenting Nations gave their Loud AMEN.
 ' The Peoples Voice proclaiming God's Decree,
 ' Doth shew at last that Heaven and Earth agree,
 ' There should be One Good King, and This is he.
 Then Hail Bold *Dunton*, in whose daring Veins,
 The Blood of PATRIOT-MARTYRS bravely Reigns.
 Shall hair-bain'd *Tories* with their *Right Divine*,
 Bring in a *Perkin*, or a *Simmels* Line,
 Whilst you can Print, or I Invoke the *Nine* (a)?
 No (Sir) they shan't, the Fates can never do
 That Wrong to us, if they be just to you :
 Our Stars, Brave JOHN, do better things portend,
 You're our St. *George*, our Champion, and our Friend,
Britannia from the Dragon to defend.
 Then there's no fear that thou shou'd'st Starve in Jayl,
 If *Royal Bounty* stoops to be thy Bail ;
 Or there's a STANHOPE in the Treasurer's Seat,
 That knows Rewarded Merit makes Him Great.
 But whether *Neck* or *Nothing* be thy Fee,
 (That's if Advanc'd, or Unrewarded be)
 My humble Muse in Gratitude to Thee
 With Pointed Satyr shall thy Foes defeat,
 And Lawrels gain'd by her, lay at Thy Feet.

(a) *The Nine Muses are here meant.*

The Hanover-Spy :

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Secret History of St. James's.

from the Reign of *Queen Robin*, down
to the late Misunderstanding in the
Royal Palace.

was sent in LETTERS by a *Person of Honour* (now
living at Court) and Inscrib'd to Mr. JOHN DUNTON,
Author of *Neck or Nothing*.

DUNTON,

As I had Experience of your great Fidelity in the late Reign,
in concealing the Name and Quality of that Person of Ho-
nour which sent you those Jacobite Secrets that furnish'd out
your *Nothing*; and finding no Golden Bait could tempt you
to betray your Trust (at a Time when my Honour and Safety
were wholly at your Mercy) upon the same Promise of *Eternal*
Recompence, I shall now send you *A Second Packet of Court Secrets*,
and will continue to send you what farther Discoveries I can
make at St. James's, as often as any thing occurs that deserves
mention. And as my Design is *A Private Search into the Fa-
vourable Cabinets, Misses, Politicks, Conversation, and Morals, of*
great Men at Court, I'd have you intitle my Discoveries,
The Hanover Spy; or, Secret History of St. James's, from the
Reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunderstanding in the
Palace. — In which Discoveries, I won't tire you with
Competitions from the Writings of other Authors, but will
give you such A Living or Experimental Secret History of St.
James's, as shall consist (chiefly) of such Secrets both in Church
and State as I have been Priy to, or can Prove by Persons now
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living at Court. 'Tis true, 'tis necessary you should always conceal my Name, as I receive those Discoveries which I send you, from Papists of Great Quality, that are nearly Related to me, and whose Names I have promis'd shall be ever a Secret (and I have taken effectual Care they shall ever be so, by letting no Person but Mr. *Dunton* know from what Hand they come. But tho my Person must be conceal'd (for the Reasons before mention'd) yet that no Sceptick may doubt the Truth of any those Discoveries I send to you, I here assure you, I have laid an Interest at several Earls Houses, purely to serve you with Early and Good Intelligence; and therefore (seeing my Person will be always a Secret) I desire for the future you'd give me no other Title than the *The Hanover Spy*, as the main End of my Correspondence with you is to Detect the Enemies to that Illustrious House, and to do Publick Justice to its true Friends, which the Early Discoveries I sent you of *Ox—rd's* and *Lingbroke's* Scheme to Restore the Pretender, is a known Proof (and such as was fully confirm'd by the Report made by the Committee of Secrecy.) And therefore I don't wonder you complement me largely on my Former Discoveries, since the Early Notice I gave you of the *Commissions* (for Lifting Men in Ireland for the Pretender's Service) gave your *Neck or Nothing* a great Reputation. You had the Second hint of it of any Man in England, and the First from any Writer. Its being at first look'd on as a Chimera, did you do great Service, when the Irish Parliament took that Notice of your Book as to search into the Matter, which was owing to a Letter to one of its prime Members, to inspect the Affair, presenting you as a Person that would not write by Chance, the Discovery of the Truth of Matter of Fact, gain'd you abundance of Friends, and I hope has laid a good Foundation for a Revolution from that Illustrious House you serv'd by it, which I hope you will hear will be very Grateful. And since by my present Absence from London, the chief Spring of True and Valuable Intelligence will be shut up from you (after publishing those Discoveries now send you) I advise you to meddle only with Divine Subtlety, lest by a False or Frivolous Intelligence, you lose the Merit and Reputation you have already acquir'd. Write not of Politics till my Return, that can, and will then let you know Faithfully what Discoveries will be acceptable to the Court, and safe to me to write with; which, believe me, your other Friends cannot inform you, no more than I can in my Retreat; where assure you of my hearty Prayers and good Wishes, That you may partake of that ROYAL REWARD (for your Early and successful Hazards in Detecting his Majesty's Enemies) that you have so long and so Greatly deserv'd, and I hope will farther increase at my Return to London, as I shall then send you (Weekly) a Packet of Court Secrets, as will not only (Properly) give

The Title of *Hanover-Spy*, but will convince the KING (and every Branch of his Illustrious House) how justly He deserves to be DISTINGUISH'D in his Royal Favour, that dares venture his NECK (or a private Stab) in their Publication.

Mr. Dunton, As to the Discoveries I have now sent, you have leave to Methodize and Publish 'em as you think fit, and you may depend upon it, that (as you were the First Projector of *The Athenian Oracle*, a Member of the Athenian Society, and ever a Lover of Lovelties) I will make good my Promise of sending you *A Compleat Secret History of St. James's, from the reign of Queen Robin, down to the late Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace*, (with what other NOVELTIES occur Weekly, so long as I continue at Court). But that I might set those Discoveries (relating to *Queen Robin*) in the better Light, I have found it necessary to look back as far as the Restoration of *Charles the Second*, not only as I can make several Discoveries concerning the *Two Royal Brothers* (a), that have hitherto lain conceal'd, but as my looking so far back as the Restoration, will enable me to discover to you the RISE of that *SACHEVELISM* (or Mixture of Iniquity) that is now working in the Dividing of Protestants (but more especially the Whigs at Court, and Mad Supporters against the Bishop of *Bangor*) in order to the Subverting of Religion and our Laws, and Restoring a Popish Pretension. So that I shall now introduce my *Secret History of St. James's*, with observing,

'Tis long since the Court of *England*, under the Authority of *Charles* and *James* the Second, was embark'd in a Design of Subverting the *Protestant Religion*, and of Introducing and Establishing *Catholicism*. For the *two Royal Brothers* being in the time of their youth seduced by the Caresses and Importunities of their *Mother*, seduced by the Promises and Favours of Popish Princes, and bewitched by the Crafts and Arts of Priests and Jesuits, who cunning to deceive, and knew how to prevail upon Persons who were but weakly established in the Doctrine, and wholly strangers to the Practice and Power of the Religion they were brought from; they not only *abjur'd the Reformed Religion*, which tho a great Secret hitherto, I positively affirm to be Matter of Fact) and became Reconciled to the Church of *Rome*; but by their Example, and the Influence which they had over those who depended upon them, both for present Subsistence and future Hopes, they drew many that accompanied them in their Exilement, to Renounce the Doctrine, Worship and Communion of the Church of *England*, tho in the War between *Charles the First* and the Parliament, they had pretended to fight for them in conjunction with the Prerogatives of the Crown. So that

(a) *Charles* and *James* the Second.

upon the Restoration in the Year 1660. they were not only moulded and prepared themselves for promoting the Desires of the Pope and his Emissaries, but they were furnished with a Stock of Gentlemen, out of whom they might have a Supply of Instruments, both in Parliament and elsewhere, to co-operate with and under them in the *Methods* that should be judged most proper and subservient to the Extirpation of Protestantism, and the bringing the Nation again into a Servitude to the *Triple Crown*. And besides the Obligations that the Principles of the Religion to which they had revolted, laid them under for eradicating the Established Doctrine and Worship, they had bound themselves unto it by all the Promises and Oaths which Persons are capable of having proscribed unto, and exacted of them, (which tho' a *supprizing Secret*, yet I assert is a Real Truth).

Nor can any now disbelieve that *Charles* the Second lived and died a Papist, who hath either heard what he both said and did when under the Prospect of approaching Death, and past Hope of acting a Part any longer on the present Stage, or who hath seen and read the *Two Papers left in his Closet*, which have been since published to the World, and attested for authentick by *James* the Second. And had we been so just to our selves, as to have examin'd the whole Course of his Reign, both in his Affairs abroad, and his most important Counsels and Actions at home; or had we hearken'd to the Reports of those who knew him at *Collen* and in *Flanders*, we had been long ago convinced what Religion he was. Nor were his many repeated Protestations of his *Zeal for Protestantism*, but in order to delude the Nation, till insensibly as to us, and with safety to himself, he had overturned the Religion which he pretended to own, and introduced that which he inveighed against. And while with the highest Asseverations he disclaimed the *being* what he *really was*, and with most sacred and tremendous Oaths, professed *being* what he *was not*, his Religion might in the mean time have been traced thro' all the signal Occurrences of his Government and have been discerned written in Capital Letters, thro' all the material Affairs wherein he was engaged, from the Day he ascended the Throne, till the Hour he left the World. His being drawn into two Wars against the *Dutch*, without any Provocation on their part, or Ground on his, save their being a Protestant State; his being not only conscious unto, but interposing his Commands, as well as Encouragements, for the Burning of *London*, (which Secret I receiv'd from a Person of undoubted Credit, and dare affirm it for Truth). His Concurrence in the Parts of the Popish Plot, except that which the Jesuits, with a few others, were involved in against himself, his Stifling the Conspiracy, and delivering the Roman Catholics from the Dangers into which it had cast them: His being the Author of

many forged Plots, which he caused to be charged on Protestants. His constant Confederacies with *France*, to the disobliging his People; the Betraying of *Europe*; the neglect of the Reformed that Kingdom, and the Encouraging the Design carried on against them for their Extirpation. His entailing the Duke of *York* upon the Nation, contrary to the Desires and Endeavours of three several Parliaments, and that not out of Love to his Person, but *Affection to Popery*, (a Secret which has hitherto lain conceal'd) which he knew that Gentleman would introduce and establish. All these, besides many other things which might be named, were sufficient Evidences of King *Charles* the Second's Religion, and of the Secret Design he was engaged in for the Subversion of Ours. So that it would fill a sober Person with Amazement, to think, that after all this, there should be so many sincere Protestants and true Englishmen, who not only believed King *Charles* the Second to be of the Reformed Religion, but with an Insatiableness thirsted after the Blood of those that durst otherwise represent him. And had it not been for his receiving Absolution and *Extream Unction* from a Popish Priest at his Death, and for what he left in Writing in the two Papers found in his *Writing Box*, he would have still passed for a Prince who had lived and died a cordial and zealous Protestant, and whosoever had uttered any thing to the contrary, would have been branded as a Villain and an execrable Person.

But with what a Scent and Odour must it recommend his Memory to them, to consider his having not only lived and died in Communion of the Church of *Rome*, in Contradiction to his publick Speeches, solemn Declarations, and highest Asseverations to his People in Parliament; but his participating, from time to time, of the Sacrament as administer'd in the Church of *England*, while in the Interim he had *abjured our Religion*, stood re-joined to the Church of *Rome*, and had obliged himself by most sacred Vows, and was endeavouring, by all the Secret Frauds and Imaginable, to subvert the Established Doctrine and Worship, and set up Heresy and Idolatry in their room. And it needs give them an abhorrent Idea and Character of Popery, and a loathsome Representation of those trusted with the Conduct and Guidance of the Consciences of Men in the Royal Communion, that they should not only dispense with and excuse such Crimes and Villanies, but proclaim them Sanctified and Meritorious from the End which they are calculated for, and intended at.

And for his dear Brother, and renowned Successor *James* the Second, who possessed the Throne after him, I suppose his most ardent Admirers, who took him for a Prince, not only merciful and Temper, and endued with all gracious Inclinations to our Laws, and the Rights of the Subject, but for one Orthodox in his Religion,

gion, and who would prove a zealous Defender of the Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline of the Church established by Law, are before this time both undeceived, and filled with Resentments for his having abused their Credulity, deceived their Expectations, and reproached all their gloryings and boastings of him. For as it would have been the greatest Affront they could have put upon the King, to question his being of the Roman Communion, or to detract from his Zeal for the Introduction of Popery, notwithstanding his own antecedent Protestations, as well as the many Statutes in force for the Preservation of the Reformed Religion; so I must take the Liberty to discover to them this Great Secret, that his Apostacy is not of so late a Date as the World has made commonly to believe. For though it was many years concealed, and the contrary pretended and dissembled; yet it is now certain that he abjured the Protestant Religion, soon after the Exilement of the Royal Family, and was reconciled to the Roman Church at St. Germain's in France. Mr. Dunton, as these Secrets were first discover'd by Papists of Great Quality, you may publish 'em for real Truths. Nor were several of the then Suffering Bishops and Clergy ignorant of this, though they had neither the Integrity nor Courage to give the Nation and Church warning of it. And within these few Years there was in the Custody of a very worthy and honest Gentleman, a Letter written to the late Bishop of D——ham, by a Doctor of Divinity then attending upon the Royal Brothers, wherein the Apostacy of the Duke of York to the Sea of Rome is particularly related, and the Account given how much the Dutchess of Tremoville (who was out being her self observ'd) had heard the Queen-Mother glory of it, bewailed it as a dishonour to the Royal Family, and as the which might prove of pernicious Consequence to the Protestant Interest. But though the old Queen privately rejoiced and triumph'd in it, yet she knew too well what disadvantage it might be, both to her Son, and to the Papal Cause in Great-Britain, that she have it at that Season communicated and divulged. Thereupon it remained a Secret for many Years, and by virtue of a Dispensation, he sometimes joined in all Ordinances with those of the Protestant Communion. But for all the Art, Hypocrisy of, Sacrilege, by which it was endeavoured to be concealed, it might have been easily discerned, as manifesting it self in the whole Course of his Actions. And at last his own Zeal, the Impunity of the Priests, and the cunning of Charles the Second, prevailing over Reasons of State, he withdrew from all Acts of Fellowship with the Church of England. But neither that, nor his refusing the Test enjoined by Law, for distinguishing Papists from Protestants, though thereupon he was forced, both to resign the Office of Lord High-Admiral, &c. nor his declining the Oath which the Laws of Scotland for the securing a Protestant Govern-

enjoy to be taken by the High-Commissioner ; nor yet be any Parliaments having endeavour'd to get him excluded from Succellion to the Crown, upon the account of having re- turned to the Sea of *Rome*, and thereby become *dangerous to the* as *Established Religion*, could make Impression upon a wilfully delu- upon and obstinate sort of Protestants, but in defiance of all Means or Conviction, and the Discovery of these Secrets, they would twitwade themselves, that he was still a Zealot for our Religion, and a Grand Patriot of the Church of *England*. Nor could any ighoning undeceive them, till upon his Brother's Death he had openly eat secured himself a *Roman Catholick*, and afterwards in the fumes world's raptures of his Victory over the late Duke of *Monmouth*, had rs comtly discover'd his Intentions of overthrowing both our *Religion* is most *Laws*. Yea so closely had some sealed up their Eyes against all er tains of Light, and hardned themselves against all Evidences rome Reason and Fact, that had it pleased the Almighty God to Secrete prospered the Duke of *Monmouth's* Arms in the Summer 85. ay punts the Second would have gone off the State with the Reputa-fferion among them, of a Prince tender of the Laws of the Kingdom, her to who, notwithstanding his own being a Papist, would have pre-ningved the Reformed Religion, and have maintain'd the Church of dy onland in all her Grandure and Rights. And though his whole to had been but one continued secret Conspiracy against our attenall Liberties and Priviledges, he had left the Throne with the the thacter, and under the Esteem of a Gentleman, that in the whole, and use of his Government would have regulated himself by the no wills of the Constitution, and the Statutes of the Realm. glory now among all the secret Methods fallen upon by the Royal d as thers, for the undermining and subverting our Religion and protest, there is none that they have pursued with more Ardor, and and rein they have been more successful to the compassing of their it missions, than in their dividing Protestans, and alienating their ritain, tions, and embittering their Minds from and against one reupon her. And had not this lain under their Prospect, and the Dispers of Effecting it appeared easy, they might have been Pa- se of themselves, while in the mean time they had been dispen- sify of, with to protest and swear their being of the Reformed Religion, and it might have envied our Liberties, and bewailed their Re- he whson from Arbitrary and Despotical Power ; but they never Impos have entertain'd a Thought of subverting the Established ond, on, or of altering the Civil Government, nor would they l Acts have had the Boldness to have attempted the introducing that, ecting Popery and Tyranny in their Room. And whoso- Papists should have put them upon reducing the Nation to the religion of *Rome*, or upon rendring the Monarchy unlimited and the dependant on the Law (which they were secretly attempting ant Go many Years) would have been thought to have laid a Snare for

for exposing the Papists to greater Severities than they were noxious unto before, and to have projected the robbing Crown of the Prerogatives which belong unto it by the Rule the Constitution, and to which it was so lately restored. And despair of succeeding would have render'd the *Royal Brothers* to all Importunities from Romish Emissaries, and Court Ministers. Neither the Secret Promises and Oaths which they had made taken beyond Sea, to introduce Popery, nor their Ambition to advance themselves beyond the Restraint of Laws, and the Controul of Parliaments, would have prevailed upon them to encounter'd the Hazards and Difficulties which in case of the Union of English Protestants, must have attended and ensued to Attempts and Endeavours of the one kind and of the other. Should their Beloved Popery, and their own Bigottedness in Romish Superstition, have so far transported them beyond Bounds of Wisdom and Discretion, as to have appeared possessed with an Intention of subverting the Protestant Religion, of enslaving the Nation to the Superstition and Idolatry of Rome, they would have been made soon to understand, That the Laws which make it Treason to own the Jurisdiction of the Pope to seduce the meanest Subject to the Church of Rome, were enacted in vain, and that those as well as many more made for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and to prevent the Growth and Introduction of Popery, were not to be dallied and plaid with. Or, should they have been so far insatuated and abandoned to all Understanding, as out of a foolish and haughty Affectation being Absolute, to have attempted the Alteration of the Government, they would have been immediately and unanimously told, *That the People have the same Right to their Liberties, as the King hath to the Prerogatives of the Crown.* And if they would not have been contented with what belongs unto the Prince, the Common and Statute Laws of the Realm, but had invaded the Privileges reserved unto the Subject; they would have been made to know, that they might not only be withstood in what they strove to usurp contrary to *Magna Charta*, the Constitution of Right, and other Laws of the Kingdom, but that they forfeited, and might be disseized of what either appertained unto the Crown by Fundamental Agreements, or hath been settled upon the Monarch by Statute-Laws. Nor could any have embolden'd *Charles* and *James* the Second to Enterprize the one kind or the other, but the Prospect of begetting a mutual understanding, Jealousy, and Rancour among Protestants, thereby both of making them Instrumental to the Ruin of the other, and contributory to the Loss of English Liberty and Reformed Religion, which they equally value and esteem, to the setting up Popery and Tyranny, which (tho' then secret) the one detested and abhorr'd no less than the other.

Tho all English Protestants have ever been at an Accord in all Essentials and Vitals of Religion, yet from the very Beginning of the Reformation, there have been Differences among concerning Ecclesiastical Government and Discipline, and a- Forms, Rites, and Ceremonies of Worship. And had they con- sidered either their Duty to God, or the common Interest of Re- ligion, they might have found ways either for removing the Oc- casions of them, or they ought to have *lived together as Brethren*, withstanding the Differences which were among them in those Days. But *how much wiser are the Children of this World than of the Kingdom of God and of Jesus Christ*. For tho the Dif- ferences among Papiests do far exceed ours, both in their num- ber and in the importance of those things wherein they disagree, they do *mutually tolerate and bear with one another*. The Mat- ters wherein they differ are neither made the Terms of their Church-Communion, nor the Grounds of mutual Excommunica- tion and Persecutions.

Alas! one Party among us hath been always endeavouring to stretch others to their own Size, and have made those Things which themselves stile *Indifferent*, both the Qualifications for Admission to the Pastoral-Office, and the Conditions of Fel- lowship in the Ordinances of the Gospel. Nor is it to be ex- cepted, what Advantages were hereby administer'd all along to the common Enemy, and what Sufferings peaceable and orthodox Churchmen were expos'd unto from their High-Church and Angry Members, which (tho a Secret few will believe, yet I could pro- duce much Evidence to prove it as all would credit). And tho these Differences with the Heats begotten among them all, and the Calamities undergone by one side, were not the Cause of that Unna- var betwixt Charles the First and the Parliament, yet they were an Occasion of diverting Thousands from the side which persecuting Churchmen espoused, and engaging them in the Party of the Two Houses, in the Quarrel which they begun and carried on against that Prince, for *Defence of the Civil Liberties, and Rights of the People*. But some of the *Mitred Clergy* so far from being made Wise by their own and the Na- tional Sufferings, as upon their Restoration to hearken to moderate Measures, and to decline their former Rigours and Severities, they became the Tools and Instruments of the Court, not for reviving, but for heightning and enflaming all the Differences which had formerly been among English Protestants, (and been *Secretly* acknowledg'd by some Papiests of Quality still living). For the Royal Brothers finding nothing more adapted and subservient than this to their Design of altering the Government and subverting Religion, they animated those seditious and impolitick Ecclesiasticks, not only to pursue the Re-formation of all those things which had given Rise and Occasion to the former

former Dissentions and Persecutions, but to lay new Snares alienating many Persons, of *unspotted Lives* and *tender Consciences* from the Church, and of rendring them obnoxious to suffer their Names, Persons, and Estates. And what a Satisfaction it to *Charles* the Second, and his Brother, to find the *old Episcopal Clergy* prepared thro *Principles of Revenge*, as well as from of Domination, Ambition, and Covetousness, to fall in with Design not only of *increasing Divisions among Protestants*, both making the Conditions of entring upon the Pastoral Function narrower, and for screwing Conformity with the Church in Forms and Ceremonies of Worship, into Tests, for Admission to Magistracy and Civil Trusts, but of obtaining several Laws against Dissenters, whereby the Penalties to which they formerly that People would become liable, were render'd Greater than they had been before, and their Sufferings made more *Merciless*, *Inhumane*, and *Intolerable*.

For tho' *Charles* the Second had, by a Declaration dated *Breda*, promised Indulgence to all Protestants that would peaceably under the Civil Government, yet (if his Secret Intestation made to a Popish Lord may be believed) *it was never his Thoughts to perform it*; and the previous Obligations which was under to the Church of Rome, had a Virtue to supersede and cancel his Engagements to *English Hereticks*. And all he intended by that Declaration, was only to *wheedle and lull those to a Tameness of admitting his Return into his Dominions*, who out of Jealousy of being afterwards persecuted for their Consciences may have awaken'd to withstand and dispute it. And to give him due, he never judg'd himself longer bound to the *Observation of Promises and Oaths made to his People*, than until without hurt to his Person and Government, he could violate and break them. Accordingly he was no sooner seated in the Throne of his Ancestors and those whom he had been apprehensive of Resistance and disturbance from, put out of Capacity and Condition of attending any thing against him; but he thought himself discharged from every thing that the Royal Word and Faith of a Prince had been Pledged and laid to Stake for in that Declaration, and that Day forward (either Secretly or Publickly) acted in direct opposition to all the Parts and Branches of it. For having after his Return obtained a Parliament moulded and adapted to his Arbitrary and Popish Ends, he immediately set all his Instruments at work for the procuring such Laws to be enacted might Divide and Weaken Protestants, and thereby make us only the more easy a Prey to the Papists, but afford them an Advantage, thro our Scuffles, of Undermining our Religion without the less Notice and Observation.

Mr. Dunton, How such Persons came to be chosen; and to constitute the Majority of the House of Commons, who by their Actions have made themselves infamous and execrable to all Ages, were a Matter too large to discover in this *Letter*; but that which my Scheme conducts me to observe, is, That as they sacrific'd the Treasure of the Nation to the Profuseness and Prodigality of the Prince, and our Rights and Liberties to his Ambition and Arbitrary Will; so they both introduced and established those things which have been a Means of Dividing us; and by many severe and repeated Laws, they subjected a great number of Industrious Englishmen and True Protestants, to *Excommunications, Imprisonments, rigorous and multiplied Fines*, and all this for Matters only relating to their *Consciences*, and for their Obedience to God in the Ordinances of his Worship and House. And notwithstanding *Ch. the Second's* often pretended Compassion to the Dissenters, it will be hard to discern them, unless in Effects which proceed from very different and opposite Principles. The Distance which kept them from his Person and Favour; the (Secretly) influencing those Members of Both Houses that depended upon him, to be the Authors and Promoters of Severities against them; the joining so often the Judges and Justices of Peace to execute the Laws upon them in their utmost Rigour; the instigating (by private Letters) the Bishops and Ecclesiastical Courts, if at any time they relented in their Prosecutions, to pursue them with fresh Citations and Censures; the arraigning them, not only upon the Statutes made intentionally against Dissenters, but upon those that were originally and solely enacted against the Papists: these, and other Secret Procedures of that nature, are the only Proofs and Evidences which I can find of King *Charles the II'd's* Cowards, Pity, and Tendernefs to them. And whereas the weak Churchmen were impos'd upon to believe, that all the Severity against the Nonconformists, was the Fruit of his Zeal for the Protestant Religion, and for the Security of the Worship and Discipline establish'd by Law; they might have easily discover'd his Passion, Prejudice, Wealth and Honour, had not blinded them) that all this was calculated for Ends perfectly Destructive to the Church; and Inconsistent with the Safety and Happiness of Protestants. This was a Secret in the Reign of *K. Ch. II.* but 'tis the Duty of a *Hanover-Spy* to set the Reign of his Glorious Master in the better Light) I resolv'd it should be none in this. For *Charles the Second* seeking oftner than once to have wriggled himself into a Power of superceding and dispensing with those Laws, and suspending their Execution, plainly shews, that he never intended the Support and Preservation of the Church by them; so his Non-Execution of the Laws against Papists; his enivying at their increase; his perswading those nearest unto him to reconcile themselves to the See of *Rome*, as he did; among

others, the late Duke of *Monmouth*, (which is a Surprizing Secret that I know to be true) his countenancing the Roman Catholics in their open and intolerable Insolencies ; and his advancing them to the most Gainful and Important Places and Trusts, sufficiently declare, that he never had any Love to Protestants, or Care of the Reformed Religion, but that all his Designs were of a contrary Tendency ; and his fairest Pretences for the Protection and Grandure of the *Church of England*, adapted to other Ends.

Thus the *Royal Brothers* having obtained such Laws to be enacted, whereby one Party of Protestants was armed with Means of oppressing and persecuting all others, neither the Necessity of their Affairs at any time since, nor the Application and Interposition of several Parliaments for removing the Grounds of our Differences and Animosities, by an Indulgence, to be past into a Law, could prevail either upon *Charles* or *James* the Second to forego the Advantage they had gotten of keeping us in mutual Enmity, and thereby of ministring to their *Secret Projection* of supplanting our Religion, and re-establishing the Faith and Worship of the *Church of Rome*. Hereupon, *James* the Second not only refused to consent to such Bills as divers late Parliaments had prepared for Indulging Dissenters, and for bringing them into a Union of Counsels, and Conjunction of Interest with those of the *Church of England*, for Resisting the Conspiracies of the Papists against our Legal Government and Established Religion, but he rejected an Address for Suspending the Execution of the Penal Laws against Dissenters, which was offered and presented unto him by that very Parliament which had framed and enacted those cruel and hard Laws.

And as the *Royal Brothers* made it their constant Business to cherish a Division and Rancour among Protestants, and to provoke one Party to Persecute and Ruin another ; so nothing could more naturally fall in with the Design of Arbitrariness, or be more subservient to the Betraying the Nation to Papal Idolatry and Jurisdiction. But, as it is not agreeable to the Wisdom and Prudence which ought to be among Men, nor to the Mercy and Compassion which should be among Christians, for one Party to surrender another into the Hands and Power of the Sovereign, to be impoverished and ruined by him at his Pleasure, especially when those whom they give up to be thus treated and entertained, are at Agreement with them in all the Essentials of Religion, equally Zealous as themselves for the Liberties of their Country, and who for Sobriety in their Lives, Industry in their Calling, and Usefulness in the Common-Wealth, are inferior to none of their Fellow-Subjects : So it is obvious to any who give themselves leave to think, that King *James* the Second would have been stated in the Absoluteness that he Secretly aspired after, as

both Church and State reduced to lie at the Discretion of the Monarch, provided the Nonconformists for procuring his Favour Non-execution of the Laws, had *suffered themselves to be prevailed upon, and drawn over to stand by and assist him in his Popish and Despotical Designs.* But what the Royal Brothers could not work the afflicted and persecuted Side unto, they found the secret Art to engage the other Side in, tho not only excepted from all Obnoxiousness to those Laws, but strengthened and supported by them. For as soon as the Court began to despair of prevailing upon Dissenters to become their Tools and Instruments of Enslaving the Nation, and of Exalting the Monarchy to a Despotical Absoluteness, they first Secretly, and then more Publickly, applied to the Bigots of the Church of England, whom by gratifying with a vigorous Execution of the Laws upon Dissenters, they brought to abet, applaud and justify them in all those Counsels and Ways which reduced us into that miserable Condition wherein we not long since were. The Tory-Clergy being advanced to Grandure and Opulency, (things which many of them were fonder of, and loather to forego than Religion and the Rights of the Nation) the Court made it their Business to possess them with a Belief, that unless the Fanaticks were suppressed and ruined, they could not enjoy with Security their Dignities and Wealth. Whereupon not only the Lesser Levites, but the Superior Clergy, having their Lesson and Cue Secretly given them from *Whitehall* and *St. James's*, fell upon pursuing the Nonconformists with Ecclesiastical Punishments, and upon exciting and animating the Civil Officers against them; and under Pretence of preserving and defending the Church, they gave themselves over to an implicit serving of the Court, and became not only Advocates, but Instruments for the Robbing of Corporations of their Charters, for imposing Sheriffs upon the City of London who had not been legally elected, and of fining and punishing Men arbitrarily for no Crime, *since the having asserted their own and the Nation's Rights in modest and lawful ways.* Posterity will hardly believe that so many of the Prelatical Clergy, and so great a number of Members of the Church of England, should from an Enmity unto, and pretended Jealousy of the Dissenters, (I say, *Pretended Jealousy*, for a Bulky Prelate has said Privately, and in my hearing, that the greatest part of the Protestant Dissenters were very honest conscientious People) have become Tools under King James the Second, for justifying the *Dissolution of so many Parliaments, the Invasion made upon their Privileges, the ridiculing and stifling of the Popish Plot, the shamming of forged Conspiracys upon Protestants, the condemning several to Death for High-Treason*, who could be render'd Guilty by the Transgression of no known Law and finally, for advancing a Gentleman to the Throne, who had been engaged in a Secret Conspiracy against Religion and the

Legal Government, and whom three several Parliaments would have therefore excluded from the Right of Succession. And being seduced into an espousal of the Interests of the Court against Religion, Parliaments, and the Nation, it is doleful to consider what Doctrines both from Pulpit and Press were thereupon first Secretly Plotted in the Royal Palace by the Superior Clergy, and afterwards divulged in the publick Churches: Such as *Monarchy's being a Government by Divine Right; that it is in the Prince's Power to Rule as he pleases; that it is a Grace and Condescension in the King to give an Account of what he does; that for Parliaments to direct or regulate the Succession, borders upon Treason, and is an Offence against the Law of Nature; and that the only thing left to Subjects, in case the King will tyrannize over their Consciences, Persons and Estates, is tamely to suffer; and, as some of them did absurdly express, to exercise it PASSIVE OBEDIENCE.*

So that by corrupting the Minds and Consciences of Men with those pestilent and slavish Notions, they betrayed the Nation both to the Mischiefs which have already overtaken us, and to what further we were threaten'd with. Nor did these Doctrines tend merely to the fettering and enfeebling the Spirits of Men, but they were a Temptation to the *Royal Brothers*, to put in execution what they had been so long (Secretly) contriving and travelling with, and were a kind of reprimanding them for being ignorant of their own Right and Power, and for not exerting it with that Vigour and Expedition which they might. I do acknowledge, that there were many both of the Sacred Order, and of the Laick Communion of the Church of England, who were far from being infected with those Brutish Sentiments and Opinions, and who were as zealous as any for having the Monarchy kept within its ancient Limits; Parliaments maintained in their wonted Reverence and Authority; the Subjects preserved in the Enjoyment of their immemorial Privileges; and who were far from sacrificing our Religion and Laws to Popery and Arbitrariness; and for lulling us into a Tameness and Lethargy, in case the Court should attempt the abolishing the established Doctrine and Worship, and the subverting and changing the Civil Government. But alas! besides their being immediately branded with the Name of *Trimmer*, and *Conformable Fanatics*, and Secretly register'd in the Kalender with those that stood precluded the King's Favour, and merited his Animadversion; their Modesty was soon drowned and silenced in the loud Noise of their clamorous Brethren, and their Retiredness from Conversation, while the others frequented all places of Society and publick Concourse, deprived the Nation of the Benefit of their Example, and the Happiness of their Instructions. Nor have I (in this *Secret History of the Tory Clergy*) mentioned the Extrayagancies of any of the Ecclesiasticks and Members of the Church

ch of *England*, with a Design either of reproaching and up-
ling them, or of provoking and exasperating the Dissenters
esentments, but only to shew how fatal our Divisions have
unto us, what Excesses they have occasion'd our being hur-
first and transported into, and what mischievous Improvement
rgy, Enemies have made of them, to the supplanting and almost
Mo- erting of all that is valuable unto us, as we are *Englishmen*,
the tians, and *Protestants*.
nd as our Animosities, thro our Divisions, gave the Court an
antage of suborning that Party which they pretended to be-
d and uphold, into a Ministration to all their Counsels and
only ections against our Religion and Laws; so by reason of the
Con- tural Heats wherewith Protestants have been enflamed and
ne of ged against Protestants, many weak, ungrounded, and un-
Dl- e Souls have been tempted to question the Truth of our Re-
n, and to apostatize to the Church of *Rome*; and thereupon
with become united in Inclination, Power and Endeavours with
ation Court, and our Old Enemies the Papists, for the Extirpa-
d to of Protestancy, and the Alteration of the Government. As
rines th been matter of Offence and Scandal to all Men, so it hath
Men, ground of stumbling and falling unto many, to see those
exe- are professedly of the same Religion, to be mutually em-
l tra- rred against one another, and so far transported with Malice
being Rage, as to seek and pursue each other's Destruction: For
ing it a Carriage and Behaviour are so contrary to the Spirit and
o ac- iples of Christianity, and to the Genius and Temper of true
and gion, that is no marvel if Persons ignorant of the Holy Scri-
were es, and strangers to the converting and comforting Vertue of
nions, Doctrine of the Gospel asserted in our Confessions, and insisted
within by our Divines, should suspect the Orthodoxy of that Re-
Reve- a which is accompanied with so bitter Fruits, even in the
nt of nsfers of the Word, as well as in others, and betake them-
g our to the Communion of that Church, where, how many and
ing us rtant soever their Differences be one with another, yet they
t the ot break forth into those Flames of excommunicating and
erting cutting each other, that ours have done. How have some a-
being g us, thro having their Spirits fretted and exasperated by the
orma- t Craft and Cunning of our Enemies, not only loaded and
those atized their Brethren and Fellow-Protestants with Crimes
mad- Names, which were they true and deserved, would justly
the r us a Loathing and an Abomination to Mankind, but have
dness ed and branded those whom God had honoured to be Instru-
f So- s of the Reformation, with Appellations and Characters fit
enefit get a Detestation of their Doctrine, as well as their Memo-
Nor The worst that the Papists have forged and vomited out a-
d the t *Luther, Zwinglius, Calvin, &c.* hath been raked up, and
f the ted to the Disparagement of the Reformation, and to the
church Scan-

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Scandalizing the Minds of weak Men against it. And as the
Suits and Priests have Secretly improved those Slanders and
Lunies to the Seduction of divers from the Church of *Eng*
and to a working them over to a Reconciliation with the *C*
of Rome; so the Court (in the Reign of King *James the Sec*
had thereby an Increase of their Faction and Party against
Religion and Liberties, and were by these Secret Arts en
to muster Troops of *Janisaries* for their Despotick and Unli
Claim.

Nor have our Divisions, with the Heats, Animosities,
lings and Persecutions that have ensued thereupon, proved
an Occasion of the Seduction of several from our Religion, a
their Apostacy to Popery, but they have been a main Spring
Source of the Debauchery, Irreligion, and Atheism, which
overspread the Nation, and have brought so many both to a
differency and Unconcernedness for the Gospel, and all the
Virtuous and Noble, and have disposed them to fall in with
that could Secretly countenance and protect them in their i
ty and Profaneness, and afterwards feed their Luxury and
with Honour and Gain. What a woful Scheme of Religion
we afforded the World! and how shamefully have we pa
forth and represented the Holy Doctrine of the Blessed *J*
while we have not only lived in a direct Opposition to a
Commands of Meekness, Love, and mutual Forbearance
our Religion lays us under the Authority of, but have negl
to practise Good Manners, to observe the Rules of Civilit
treat one another with common Humanity, and to *do as we*
be done unto? While we have been more offended at what se
to supplant our Dominations and Grandures, than at wha
honoured God and reproached the Gospel; while we wa
not so much whether they whom we took into our Sacred
munion, as well as into our Personal Friendship, were conf
ble in their Lives to the Scripture, as whether they complied
the Canons of the Church, while we reprobated all that
not of our Way, tho never so vertuous and devout, and S
all that were, tho never so wicked and profane; while we
ded such for Fanaticks, whom we could justly charge with
thing, save *the not admitting that into Religion which came*
from the Divine Author of it; and hugged those for good
orthodox Believers, that would sooner consult the Statute
for their Practice in the Worship of God, than the Bible;
we haled those to Prison, and spoiled them of their Estat
whom nothing could be objected, except their being too
and conscientious in avoiding that thro fear and apprehen
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and Villanies made them unfit for civil Societies; while who lived most agreeably to the Laws of God and the Temple of Christ, were persecuted as Enemies to Religion, and pests of the Kingdom, and in the interim too many of the Clergy were not only Countenancers of the most profligate sins as their best Friends, but secretly joined and assisted in various Debaucheries, under Pretence of sustaining the Honour of their Tribe, and doing Service to the Church.

And while these were the unhappy, but too obvious Fruits of Divisions, and of the bitter Heats that accompanied them, was the Reverence for the Sacred Order lessened and diminished, the Veneration for Religion weakened and lost, the Shame and Modesty of Appearing prophane and wicked, removed and banished; such who took the Measures of Christianity from the Practice of those that were styled Christians, rather than from the Holy Scriptures, tempted to think all Religion a mere Artifice and Craft to compass Honour and Wealth. And though nothing but a shortness of Understanding, and an immoderate Love to their Lusts, could occasion drawing such a Conclusion from the foregoing Premises, yet it needs grant that there was too just a ground administered to them of saying, that many did not believe that themselves, Faith whereof they recommended to others. But that which should more particularly observe, is, that it is from among those who by the foregoing Occasions have been tempted to Debauchery and Irreligion, that the Romish Emisaries have secretly made Harvest of Profelytes and Converts to the Church of Rome. As they who fear not God will be easily brought to imitate them; and such who are of no Religion will, in subserviency to their Ends, assume the Mask and Profession of any: so Popery is extremely adapted to the Wishes and Desires of wicked and profane Men, in that it provides for their Living as enormously as they please here, and flatters them with Hopes and Promises of Blessedness hereafter. They who can be assured of going to Heaven upon their confessing their secret Sin to a Priest, and their receiving Absolution, the Eucharist, and the Holy Unction, need not look after Repentance towards God, Conversion to Holiness, nor a Life of Faith, Love, Mortification and Obedience, which the Protestant Religion, upon the Authority of the Gospel, obligeth them unto, in order to the obtaining of Eternal Happiness. And as the late Apostates to Popery in England, are chiefly such who were notorious for secret Vice, Prophaneness and Immorality, and were the scandal of our Religion while they publicly professed it, and while in the Church, were not properly of it, so it is from among Men of this Stamp and Character, that Charles and James the Second and Persons assisting and subservient (either privately or publicly

lickly) to their *Despotical and Arbitrary Designs*. For who takes a Survey of the Court Faction (during the Reign of Popish Monarchs) and considereth who have been the Advocates for Encroachments upon our Liberties, and Abettors of Usurpations over our Rights, they will find them to have been principally the profligate and debauched among the Nobility and Gentry, the Mercenary, ignorant and scandalous among the Clergy, the Off-scouring and such as are an Ignominy to human Nature among the Yeomanry and Peasants. And it was in order to this villanous End, that the Royal Brothers have endeavoured (both secretly and publickly) to debauch the Nation, and have neglected Sensuality and Prophaneness the Qualifications for Preference and the Badges of Loyalty.

Finally, Being through the bitter Effects which have ensued upon our Divisions, made apprehensive and jealous one of another; it hath from thence come to pass, that while the Conformists hath been to watch against the growth of the Dissenters; and the sollicitude of the Nonconformists hath been how to prevent the Rage of the bigotted Church-Men, they both in the mean time, without being heeded or observed, have both incredibly multiplied, and made considerable Advances in their Designs of ruining us. For whensoever the Court was to take a secret Step towards Popery and Arbitrary Power, there was a Clamour rais'd of some menacing Boldness of the Dissenters. And if the Nation grew at any time alarmed, by Reason of Favour shewn to the Roman Catholicks, and of some visible Progress made towards the King's becoming Despotical, all was immediately hush'd with a shout and cry of the Government. The Church's being in imminent Hazard from the Dissenters. Whensoever the Papists and their Royal Patrons stood detected having been conspiring against our Religion and civil Liberties, it was diverted and stifled by putting the Kingdom upon a false Scent, and by Hounding out their Beadles upon the Nonconformists. So that the Eyes and Minds of Protestants being employed in Reference to what was to be apprehended and feared from one another, the secret working of our Popish Enemies either escaped our Observation, or were heeded by us only with a superficial and unaffectionate Glance. And while the Church-Men stood prepossessed by the Court, with a dread jealousy of the Dissenters, all that was said and written of a Secret Conspiracy carried on by the Papists against our Liberty and Religion, was entertained and represented by the prejudiced Clergy, as an Artifice only of the Dissenters for compassing an indulgence from the Parliament, which in Case such a Plot was obtained the Belief, that a Matter of so great Danger and Consequence required, would have been easily granted, being only a rational Expedient for the Preservation of the establish-

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igion and the Legal Government. Nor did our Enemies
tion, but that having thus cunningly inflamed our Divisions, and
ed our Animosities to so great a height, rather than the one
ty would lay aside their Severities, and the other let fall their
entments; we would even be contented to lie at their Mercy,
submit our selves to the Pleasure and Discretion of the Court,
ere Father *Peters* had (*secretly*) the whole Sway.

any High-Church Admirers of the Race of the *Stuarts*, yet
question the Truth of this *Secret History of the Two Royal*
Others to introduce Popery and Slavery, let 'em see it further con-
d by Consulting a Book intitul'd, *A Review of the Case of*
ergies, and their Imposition, where the truly Pious and Learn-
Mr. *Benjamin Robinson* (Successor to the Famous Dr. *Samuel*
Wesley) tells the World, 'One Thing more which happened
be omitted in its proper Place, I take the Liberty to insert
ere, and that is a Part of a Form of Prayer, compos'd for the
oth of *January*, soon after the Return of King *Charles* the Se-
nd, the Title of which was [*A Form of Common-Prayer to*
used upon the 30th of January, being the Anniversary-Day ap-
ointed by Act of Parliament for Fasting and Humiliation, to Im-
ore the Mercy of God, that neither the Guilt of that Sacred and
nocent Blood, nor those other Sins by which God was provok'd
deliver up both us and our King into the Hands of Cruel and
unreasonable Men, may at any Time hereafter be visited upon
or our Posterity. Published by his Majesty's Direction. Lon-
on: Printed by John Bill, Printer to the King's most excellent
Majesty, 1661.] where in the Collect for the Evening Service,
these Words — 'And we beseech thee to give us all Grace to
remember, and provide for our latter End, and by a careful stu-
ous Imitation of this thy Blessed Saint and Martyr, and all other
Saints and Martyrs that have gone before us, that we may
made worthy to receive Benefit by their Prayers, which they
Communion with thy Church Catholick offer up unto thee for
at Part of it here Militant, and yet in fight with, and danger
om the Flesh, &c. Upon which I wou'd propose it to be con-
ler'd, what sort of Prayers we are like to have impos'd upon
e Nation, if the Pretender, who is a profess'd Papist, shou'd
er sit upon the Throne; when one who was willing to be
ought a Protestant, made so forward an Attempt as this?
Whether if the Power which the CONVOCATION Claims be
low'd, they wou'd not too easily come into such Designs,
nce it has been observ'd that they have always been more
bliging to those Princes that were Arbitrary and well-affected
Popery, than to those that were the Friends of Liberty and
eformation.

Thus far the Truly Protestant and Ingenious Mr. *Benjamin*
Robinson, and if any Non-Juror (or High-Churchman) Question
whether

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 whether the *Popish Pretender* (who as solemnly Promises to *Tol-*
erate the Church of *England* and Protestant Dissenters, as ever
Charles and *James* the Second did, both before and after the
 came to the Crown) will be less Zealous to Restore Popery and
 Slavery, than those two deceitful Princes were throughout the
 whole Reigns, let 'em read the *Flying Post* (publish'd Feb. 4 1718
 where the truly Loyal and Ingenious Mr. *George Ridpath* inform
 the Publick, That one *James Shephard*, a Youth of about 18 years
 of Age, Apprentice to a Coach-Painter in *Devonshirestreet* with
 out *Bishopsgate*, was brought last Monday Night into the *Poulter*
 Compter for High-Treason, having writ a Treasonable Letter
 and carry'd it to one Mr. *Leak* a Nonjuring Parson last Friday
 Night, where he left it with his Maid, and said he would call for
 an Answer as last Monday Night. Mr. *Leak* being surpriz'd at the
 Letter, and apprehending it might be a Trick upon him, thought
 fit to burn it; but afterwards acquainted Sir *John Fryar*, a we
 thy Alderman of this City with it, who advis'd him to seize the
 Person when he came for an Answer, which he accordingly did
 and the Youth being carry'd before Sir *John*, own'd the Fact, and
 writ a Copy of the Letter, which he said was *verbatim* with the
 Original, and as I'm inform'd was thus, or at least to this Ef
 fect.

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FROM the many Discontents so visible throughout this Kingdom,
 infer, that if the Prince now Reigning cou'd be by Death removed
 our King being here, he might be settled on this Throne without ma
 jors of Blood. For the more ready effecting of this, I propose, That
 if any Gentleman will pay for Passage into Italy, and if our Friends
 will intrust one so young with Letters of Invitation to his Majesty,
 will on his Arrival smite the Usurper in the Palace. In this Con
 sion, if sufficient Forces may be rais'd, his Majesty may appear;
 not, he may retreat or conceal himself till a fitter Opportunity. Neither
 is it Presumptuous to hope that this may succeed, if we consider how
 it is to cut the Thread of human Life; how great Confusion the Dea
 of a Prince occasions in the most peaceful Nation, and how Mutin
 the People are, how desirous of a Change. But we will suppose the
 worst, that I am seiz'd, and by Torture examin'd: Now that I
 may endanger none but myself, it will be necessary that the Gentlemen
 who defrays my Charges to Italy, leave England before my Departure
 that I be ignorant of his Majesty's Abode; that I lodge with some
 Whig; that you abscond; and that this be communicated to none.

But be the Event as it will, I can expect nothing less than a
 cruel Death; which that I may the better support, 'twill be requisite
 from my Arrival till the Attempt, I every Day receive the Holy Sa
 crament from one who shall be ignorant of the Design.

James Shephard

It must be own'd that this Youth must be either a very apt Scholar in such damnable Principles, or that he has been put upon by People of riper Years, who form'd the Letter as much as the Design. You see what an abominable Use the Faction makes of the Holy Sacrament, when they abuse it to such Diabolical purposes; and how artfully the Matter is contriv'd to throw an odium upon the Whigs, that being a Lodger with one of them, he might seem to have learn'd his Principles there. This is an old Practice among the Popish Party, who had the Powder-Plot succeeded, design'd to have thrown it on the Puritans; and in the like manner the Popish Midwife *Celier* design'd to have laid her deal-Tub Plot upon the Whigs in *Charles* the Second's Time. Nor is it to be forgot, that the *Examiner* in the last Reign did charge the Whigs with owning the Pretender's Legitimacy, and with a Design to bring him in, tho at the same time he knew that he imposing him upon us was what only his own Party had nearest their Hearts.

This intended Assassination brings to my Mind the Story of *Clement* the Dominican Fryar, who murder'd *Henry III.* of *France*. The celebrated French Historian *Thuanus* tells it thus: 'That the Fryar went to a learned Father of the same Society, and told him, that a certain Person had often ask'd him at Confession, *Whether he might with a safe Conscience kill Henry de Valois* (for he would not call him King) *as an implacable Enemy to the Church, and a Tyrant to his Country?* The Father told him, That if the Person was not acted by private Hatred or Revenge, but undertook it for the Love of God, and for the Safety of Religion and of his Country, he might not only do it without Sin, but would deserve highly at the Hand of God; or if he dy'd in the Act, would certainly be translated to the Company of the Blessed. This so encourag'd the Fryar, that he actually went and stab'd the King.

It is well for Mr. *Leak* and the Publick that he acted the honest Part, and discover'd the Villain. But 'tis necessary that his Majesty's Protestant Subjects shou'd know, that when *K. Henry* the Third was dying of his Wound, he told his Nobles, 'That he had very much lessen'd himself by his Favour to the Clergy, who by their false Opinions in Religion were become Incendiaries to stir up the mad People to a Rebellion, on the Pretence of a League for the Security of the Church.

And thus you see (Mr. *Dunton*) that not only the *Dividing of Protestants*, but a *Plot to murder a Protestant Prince*, is a fresh Instance of the Inhuman Principles which are cultivated by the High-Church Faction and Jacobite Conventiclers, upon the foot of their rebellious Maxims of *Unlimited Passive-Obedience* and *Indefeasible Hereditary Right*.

From this Source proceeded all the Assassination-Plots and Designs of Rebellion against the Glorious King *WILLIAM* and Queen

Queen MARY, carry'd on by Sir William Perkins, Sir John Friend and other High-Churchmen, in conjunction with Papists, by Encouragement from the late Courts of France and St. Germain. Nor are we to forget that such of those Assassins and Rebels as were brought to Justice, were solemnly absolv'd at Tyburn, by Cook, Collier, and Snar, three Nonjurant Priests, and made to believe that they should immediately mount from the Cart to Heaven, tho' instead of repenting for their Crimes, they died in an obstinate Defence of 'em, as the genuine Effects of the above mention'd Principles, which they held to be the distinguishing Doctrines of the Church of England.

From the same Fountain proceeded the late horrid Rebellion by High-Churchmen and Papists, by which they design'd, among other things, to have destroy'd the whole Royal Family.

'Tis plain then, that taking the Sacrament according to the Church, is not a sufficient Test to secure the Government against the barbarous Designs of the Party, nor to keep them out of Posts; for we all know that the late Earl of Mar, and Mr. Forster, the Chiefs of the late Rebellion, and many of their Associates, had taken the Test again and again; and 'tis now become an avow'd Principle among the Party, *That the imposing of Oaths and the Test, is the Fault of the Government, and not the Crime of those who take them, in order to serve what they call the Church.*

This may let us see how absurdly those Men argue who are for continuing the *Test-Act*, the *Corporation-Act*, and the *Occasional and Schism-Acts*, which every one may see are no Security to the Church, nor capable of keeping Vipers from nestling in her Bosom, to destroy both her and the State, and are us'd only as a Bar to keep from Serving his Majesty and their Country, a great Body of sincere Protestants, against whom those Acts were manifestly intended, to make them incapable of defending the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of the three Nations, which have been continually struck at since the Spanish, and French, Popish Matches were set on foot by King James and King Charles the First, and since it was for opposing Popery and Popish Successors, and the Tyranny they are always attended with, that the Anger of the Courts and those severe Laws were brought upon Dissenters, it may be submitted to all impartial Men, whether the continuance of those Laws is not in its Tendency, subversive of the present Government, that is founded in a direct Opposition to Popery and Tyranny, which the Dissenters are known to have in the utmost Abhorrence, and have always ventur'd their Lives and Estates against them; whereas so many of those who boast themselves to be of the Communion of the Church, have ever since Archbishop Laud's Time, been in a stated Conspiracy with Papists to bring the Idolatry of Rome, and Arbitrary Government upon us.

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This great Affection to Popery and Arbitrary Power, is High-Church Loyalty, as is prov'd by that Faithful Historion Mr. George Path, (who thro his Over-Modesty in not Addressing himself to his Majesty, has been near Four Years Unrewarded for his LIVING Weekly at his Jacobite Enemies) and I'll presume to add to his Words, by the Seasonable Discoveries I have here made, evident, No sincere Protestant (if in his right Senses) can read this *Secret History of the Two Royal Brothers* (and observe their Cunning and Zeal for above Forty Years, to Divide their Protestant Subjects amongst themselves in order to Restore Popery (Slavery) without thanking God upon his bare Knees ——— the Glorious Revolution in 88 ——— For King William's Legacy Protestant Succession in the Illustrious House of Hanover ——— the late Defeat of that cursed Rebellion that was rais'd by a Pop Pretender ——— And ——— For that Golden Age (our Lawful March) has Reviv'd by his truly Protestant and Glorious Reign, may the same Happiness be continued to Great-Britain and Ireland, by his Royal Person and Family (and the several Branches of his Illustrious House) to the World's End.

Mr. Dunton,
I have now fully discover'd to you the Popish Reigns of Charles James II, in which you find SECRETS that have hitherto conceal'd, and are such as no Tory believes, tho I have Detected nothing but what I receiv'd from Papists of Great Quality (who would never belye their own Party in their Charge against it, never Falshoods they might spread to Credit their Cause, or restore Popery) or such LIVING AUTHORITIES whose Verity I can depend upon : And I think (Mr. Dunton) I have now proved by that SECRET HISTORY I have here sent you of the Two Royal Brothers, that the very RISE of that CHEVERELISM (or Mystery of Iniquity) that is now working to Divide Protestants, (but more especially the Whigs and Court, and Mad Reporters against the Bishop of BANGOR) is wholly owing to the Popish SCHEME, first laid down (and lately practis'd) by the Two Royal Brothers, from their RESTORATION, down to the Day of their Respective Deaths.

As to such therefore as are capable of hearkning to Reason, who are ready to embrace any Counsel that shall be found directed to the Common Interest, that the *Hanover Spy* is to advise what remains to be represented and said in the following pages. For all Parties of Protestants having seen how far our Enemies have improved our Divisions and Rancours, to the continuing their wicked and ambitious Designs, and the robbing us of that good and Generous Men account valuable; they are now convinced of the necessity we have been and are reduced to of altering the Measures of our Acting towards one another,

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ther, and both of laying aside our Persecutions, and of exchanging our Wranglings among our selves, into a joynt contending for the Faith of the Gospel, and the Rights of the Nation. For what K. James 2d intended and aimed at, is not any long Matter of meer Suspicion and Jealousy, but of demonstrable Evidence, and unquestionable Certainty.

His Mask and Vizor of Zeal for the Preservation of the Church of England, and of tender Regard for the Laws of the Land, well laid by and put off, and his Resolutions of governing Arbitrarily and of introducing Popery, were become obvious to all Men, who Reason and Sense had not forsaken and left.

The Papists, whom it was thought much a while ago to connive at in the Exercise of their Worship in private Houses, are allowed now to practise their Idolatry openly, in our Cities, Towns, and in the *Metropolitan City* of the Kingdom to use the publick Churches and Cathedrals. Those Catholick Gentlemen whom heretofore was matter of surprize to see countenanc'd with the private Favour of the Prince, are now advanc'd to the supreme Commands in the Army, and the principal Trust in Civil Affairs. *The Recusant Lords*, whose enlargement out of the Tower, could not but look upon as an unpresidented Violation, both of the Laws of the Land, and of the Rights and Jurisdiction of Parliament, being committed thither by the Authority of the House of Lords, upon a Charge and Impeachment of High Treason, by the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, were now honoured to be Members of the Privy-Council, exalted to be chief Ministers of State. They whom the Statute of the Realm make subject to the severest Penalties for Apostasy to Rome, are not only protected from the edge of the Laws, maintain'd in parochial Incumbencies, and Headships of Parishes.

Our Orthodox Clergy are not only inhibited to preach against Popery, but are illegally Reprimanded, Silenc'd, and Suspended for discharging that Duty which their Consciences, Offices, Oaths, and the Laws of the Kingdom oblige them unto. And such were neither the Ecclesiastical nor Westminster-Courts can arraign or proceed against, we had a new Court of Inquisition erected for adjudging and punishing of them. So that it is not the Dissenters who are the only Persons to be struck at and ruined, but Conformists are to be treated after the same Manner, and to fall in the common Lot whereunto all honest and sincere Protestants are destined and designed. Even they who were (Secretly) Darlings of Whitehall and St. James's, and recompens'd with Honours and Titles for betraying the Rights and Privileges of the Nation, persecuting Dissenters, and Heading Addresses, when in Parliaments were reproached, the Course of Justice against Popish Offenders was slandered, the illegal and arbitrary

res of the Court applauded and justified, and all that werealous for our Laws and Liberties stigmatiz'd with the Names of Villains and Traytors, are now themselves, for but discouraging Epish Assemblies, and attempting to put the Laws in Execution against Priests who had publickly celebrated Mass, not only check'd and rebuked, but punish'd with Seizure and Imprisonment.

Nor are our Religion and Civil Liberties meerly supplanted and dermined by illegal Tricks, glossed over with the Varnish of official Forms, but they are assaulted and battered in the Face of the Sun, without so much as a Palliation to give their Proceures a plausible Figure. And the King being brought to a despair managing the Parliament to his barefac'd Purposes of Popery and Arbitrariness, and of prevailing with them to establish Tyranny and Idolatry by Law, notwithstanding their having been as lustriously pack'd and chosen to Answer such a Design, as Art, Liberty, and Authority cou'd teach, and notwithstanding their having been Obsequious in their first Session to an Excess that prov'd unsafe to themselves and the Nation, he became resolved not to allow them to meet any more, but to set up *a-la-mode de France*, and to have his Personal Commands seconded with the Consent of his *Durante-bene-placito* Judges, to be acknowledged and obey'd for Laws, so that they who were formerly seduced into a good Opinion of him, were not only undeceived, but provok'd to warm Resentments, for having had their Credulity and Easiness so grossly abus'd.

Mr. DUNTON, If any one doubt this to be the *True Secret History of Charles and James the Second*, let 'em see the *most Secret Passages* in it fully prov'd by *Terril, Coke, and Johnson*, and other Historians of undoubted Credit, in these Words, *viz.*

Charles the Second, or the Royal C——y (say these Celebrated Anthors) began his Reign in the Year 1648. And now comes in the Devil and all his Works ; for here's a Man given over to Luxury and Uncleannefs, as many Living Witnesses can testify. With this Prince enter'd a Flood of Debauchery, Atheism, and all manner of Prophaneness ; the Land was overflow'n in all Parts with Quarrelling, Fighting, Swearing, Cursing, Drunkenness, and Whoredom ; the Roads, the Streets, and Houses ringing with Damme's, and strange new-invented Blasphemies ; obscene Discourses every where abounding, which could not otherwise be expected, when we had so Great a Person for our Pattern, for, Like Prince, Like People ; *Regis ad Exemplum*, &c. People Dress themselves by the Looking-Glass of their Prince.

Now were there Plots of all Kinds, by which many a Brave man was cut off, and Bloody Designs against *Holland*, tho all the while in League with them ; all Places, Civil, Military, and Ecclesiastical, were fill'd up with Men of prophane Lives ; he was

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an *Hypocrite*, a *Covenant-breaker*, and a *bloody Persecutor*. Col informs us, That upon the Restoration of this King, certain Dissenting Ministers were sent over to *Holland*, among which was the Reverend Mr. *Cafe*; who coming to the King's Lodging and desiring to be admitted into his Presence, were led into a Chamber next his Closet, and told withal, That the King was busy at his Devotions, and that they must stay untill he had done and being thus left alone, and hearing the Sound of Groaning Piety, Mr. *Cafe* steps to the Closet-Door, where he hears the King pray thus: *Lord, since thou art pleas'd to restore me to the Throne of my Ancestors, grant me a Heart constant in the Exercise and Protection of thy true Protestant Religion. Never may I see the Oppression of those who out of Tenderness of Conscience, are not free to conform to outward and indifferent Ceremonies; with a great deal more to the same purpose: At which Mr. Cafe was exceedingly transported, and with Eyes and Hands lifted up, tells the rest of his Brethren, That they had gotten an Angel of a King.* At this was done in Hypocrisy, as appear'd by his Carriage afterwards; for notwithstanding that Covenant that he made with them, he turn'd out 2000 Godly Ministers out of their Churches on the Day commonly call'd *Black Bartholomew*; after which what severe and cruel Laws were then executed against them Breaking open their Doors, Rifling their Houses, Seizing their Estates, Casting them into filthy Prisons, where by close Confinement, multitudes of them perish'd; many were convicted without Hearing, or Jury, and some were put to Death for the Conscience sake; the Meeting-Houses were shut up, while the Bawdy-Houses were open.

Yea, and Dissenting Ministers were prohibited from dwelling within Ten Miles of any City, Town-Corporate, or Borough, or any Place where they had preach'd since the Act of Oblivion; nor were they suffer'd to teach School by themselves, or any others. Yea, Women were forbid the same, until they had taken the Test. Thus this King continu'd to persecute many of the People of God, whilst himself made Provision for the Flesh, to fulfil it in the Lust thereof; but how he died, † is best known to God and those who were about him, of whom it must be said that he did Evil in the Sight of the Lord, above all that were before him.

The next that succeeded, was King James II. who began his Reign in the Year 1684. And this King, tho' not altogether so lascivious as the former, yet was he a very Bigot to the Church of Rome; 'For no sooner (as a late Author saith) did he come to the Throne, but Mass-Houses were set up, and in all halls 'Protestants must be converted to his Faith, and therefore

* A fair Copy for our Anti-Schismatics.
was poyson'd.

† 'Tis thought

Weekly Sermons were appointed for that Purpose, in which Discourses with a bare Face they assert, *That our English Bibles were stuff'd with Lies*; their Popish Catechisms were put into many Hands, to make Profelytes; Father Peters made Privy-Counsellor, to confront the Bishops of Canterbury and London; Magdalen College in Oxon was fill'd with Romish Priests, Crowds of Irish Papists call'd in upon us, with a standing Army, headed with Popish Officers, to the great Terror of the City; the Priests and Jesuits appear publicly in their Religious Habits, under Promise of Protection; the Test in all haste must be taken of; *Ours, Dangerfield, and Johnson*, most barbarously used, and Hundreds sacrific'd in the West; Protestants were put from all Employment, both Civil and Military; *illegal Prosecutions, exorbitant Bails, and many more Oppressions, to the great Damage of the Subjects; yea, the Bishops were sent to the Tower, and the Birth of the Pretender was most neatly contriv'd. These Things, (saith my Authors) manifested a Celestial Blindness and Madnes, even to the Loss of his Three Kingdoms, maugre all his Lives and Fortune-Men, the which agrees well with that Observation of the Heathens, *quem perdere vult Jupiter prius dementat*, whom God intends to destroy, he first fatuates. Thus was the Church and State over-run by Popery and Arbitrary Power, and brought to the very Point of Destruction; the Sacred Fences of our Laws, the very Constitution of our Legislature were quite broken through, the which consider'd, every true Protestant must say, *That he did Evil in the sight of the Lord*.

Thus 'tis clear (Mr. Dunton) by what I have quoted from *Arril, Coke, Johnson, &c.* (All Authors of undoubted Credit) that the most Secret Passages which I discover'd in the Reigns of Charles and James the Second, are all Matter of Fact for (to use your own Words in your Dedication to Mr. CHILDE) *'As to the more Secret Transactions, the Consequences and Events are my Testimonies; and for what was more publicly carried, there are the loud and general Complaints of the Kingdom to confirm it.*

Mr. DUNTON, — Having discovered to you several SECRETS that have hitherto lain concealed in the Arbitrary and Popish Reigns of Charles and James the Second, next comes in the Protestant Reigns of Brave King WILLIAM and Royal MARY, (of Blessed and Glorious Memory); but I have so much Discover of our Deliverance from Popery and Slavery by these Two Excellent Monarchs, (and that from my own Personal Knowledge of 'em) that the Pious Secrets will furnish out (at least)

* How much do our Anti-Schismatics resemble the Papists, who turn out their Brethren the Dissenters?

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Two Letters as large as this, and therefore that *the Hanover Spy* might not be too tedious in his first Visit to the *British Nation*, I'll conclude my *Discoveries* at this Time, with only adding *the Secret History of St. James's*, during the Reigns of *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*, who Secretly govern'd Great Britain and Ireland, for the Four last Years of *Queen Ann's* more publick Reign.

As for *Q Anne*, (who was wholly govern'd by these three Reigning Favourites) all I shall say of her at present is, That she died the *First of August*, that very Day that the *Schism-Bill* took place and was buried on that Day commonly call'd *Black Bartholomew*, the very Day on which her Uncle turn'd 2000 Godly Ministers out of their Livings. And there's an End of the Race of the *Stuarts*, tho not of *Queen Anne's* Character, of which more anon.

I come now to the Reigns of *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*; where I shall (faithfully) detect all the Secret Steps that were taken by (those Three Queen-Killers) *Ox*—*Bol*—*ke*, and *Mrs. H*—, to Break her Majesty's Heart, Cheat the Nation, and Restore the Pretender; being a Discovery that's wholly New; and that 'tis all Matter of Fact, I think no Man will question, that reads either—*The Report made by the Committee of Secrecy*—*The Attainder of the Lord Viscount Bol*—*ke*, —*O R*— *The late Impeachment of the Earl of Ox*—*rd*, since he was Acquitted by the House of Lords.

But here (*Mr. Dunton*) perhaps the Loyal Whigs may say, Tho' you won't tell us who that *Hanover-Spy* (or Person of Honour) is that sends you all your Early and Secret Intelligence, yet pray let us know from what Hands He receives it, that we may give it the greater Credit.

To this I answer—As soon as I have furnish'd my Outward Man, I take my Station twice every Week at a *L*—*ds* in *C*—*C*—*t*, near *St. J*—*s's*, the *L-d* I mean is Cousin to *G*—*l N*— He is himself a great Wit, a fine Gentleman, born in *England*, bred in *France*, and known in all the Courts of *Europe*, particularly in that of *Hanover*, where he was in great Esteem; his House (which is exceeding fine) is it self a very Court, always full of the best Company in *England*, both Natives and Forreigners; and as he Honours me with a particular Esteem and Friendship, I have the Opportunity in my Intimacy there and good Reception, to hear all the Chat of Town and Court; there I meet all the *R*—*cy*, the Duke of *M*— his Lady, Children, Lord *S*— *P*— *C*— in short all the Men and Ladies of Quality, Distinction, Figure, Fortune in the Town, that are not profess'd Jacobites, there's perpetual Fund of the best Intelligence, Forreign and Domestic.

My Business here is to Feel the Whigs of Quality, and by them the KING's Pulse ; to find out what will please the Court, and its Friends, and what will *not* please ; to learn the best Intelligence, and confirm my self in the Truth of what I had elsewhere collected, (for a right *Hanover-Spy* will search every suspected place in the whole British Dominions to detect his Majesty's Enemies, and do Justice to his Friends). As soon as I have done this, I intermit of my frequent Visits to St. James's to gain Leisure for Writing, and do find by what I have already discover'd (and which I hope will please both the City and Country Whigs, as I am positive 'twill the Court) the *Judas Reign of King H——* ly will contain at least One Hundred Distinct SECRETS ; for consider 'tis to be *A Compleat History of that Villain's Ministry*, (for he must certainly be such himself that dares be so False and Knaveish as to give him a *better* Name) and all its material Occurrences, publick and private, likewise of his Assistants, *Bolingbroke* and *Abigail*, with proper Inferences from the several Discoveries. In which I endeavour to set the Hypocrisy and Treason of *Queen Robin*, and of those Two Reigning Favourites, *GAMBAL* and *M——M*, in a clear View, and to give the Jacobite Character of some of their inferiour Tools, such as *A——thur M——r*, *M——t P——r*, &c. Neither do I forget (Mr. Dunton) to intersperse in a handsome decent Manner, your Services and Sufferings for the Good of your Country, and to defend you from the (undeserv'd) Slanders of your Enemies, when to conceal their Treason, or excuse their Ingratitude, they call you a MADMAN for scorning to flatter the greatest Duke, Earl, Lord or Baronet, in any Sin whatsoever, but more especially in those Scandalous and Beggerly Vices of *Ingratitude* and *Avarice*. But alas ! Mr. Dunton, thus they treated that truly Sober and Excellent Divine the Reverend Mr. *WILLIAM BISSET* ; and therefore you ought to despise the Spiteful Slander of being call'd a *Madman*, for no other Reason but your Distinguish'd Loyalty to King *George*, and Plain Dealing with the Whigs at Court, for which every Man of true Honour and Goodness will the more caress and respect you. However, (as to my self) I shall ever be of the same Opinion with Mr. Dunton, That *to dress up the Devil like an Angel of Light*, is indeed *Madness* ; for tho we ought to Give the Devil his Due, yet we ought not to give him *one good Word*, which if I know any thing of the Author of *Neck or Nothing*, (he's so truly Honest) he'd not act so wicked, false, or mean a part, wou'd he give him *all the Kingdoms of this World, and the Glory of 'em*, for a Panegyrick on his Cloven Foot.

Then (Mr. Dunton) do you and the World judge if I am not able to furnish you every Week with Early and Secret Intelligence, and what Credit may be given to the Discoveries I make either

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either in Church or State, you have shewn at large in your CASE Inscib'd to the KING.

But waving this Digression (of proving the Truth of my Intelligence from the Great Men from whom I receive it) I come now to discover to you ——— *The Secret Reigns of Queen Robin,* ——— *The Lady Abigail* ——— and ——— *Harry Gambol.*

I shall begin with the *Secret Reign of the Lady Abigail*, to whom (Mr. *Dunton*) you have been kinder than her Sp——se, since you have made her a Lady, which he wou'd not; but (pray Sir) let her be a Gentlewoman first, and proceed gradually to Quality, tho she did not so to the Royal Favour. Well, to satisfy your Curiosity, her Name was *Abigail H——*; her Father, who was but of mean Birth (as her own Relations inform me) was a T——key M——chant, and broke, then turn'd Preacher to some of the Sectarys, went abroad to some of the Plantations, where he died, leaving a Wife and a World of miserable Children behind him. The Mother (who was a Y——n) was related to the present Treasurer (a), and her Friends were so Good to take the Children till they were of an Age to get a Living for themselves. Our Exalted *Abigail* was kept by Mrs. M——, (who was her Mother's Relation) till her Quality of making continual Disturbances both in the Family and Neighbourhood, made Mr. M—— contrive a Stratagem to get rid of such a Pest, which was to pretend to be in Love with her. His Lady, according to his Order, was to discover his Passion, and to pretend such an Uneasiness at it, as to put her Rival out of Doors. Poor Mrs. *Abigail* was then forced to serve one Lady R——, a Baronet's Lady of *Kent*, now a poor Widow, and living in *Westminster*, but not taken notice of by Madam M——, who now scorns to own an Acquaintance with a Lady she once thought herself honour'd to serve in the nature of a Chamber-Maid. 'Tis said she since serv'd some Citt —— But this I can't affirm. 'Tis true, she was distantly Related by the Mother to Lady M——, who unhappily placed her about the Q——, to her own and the Misfortune of *Europe*. You must not suppose Love, but Interest made C—— M—— to take her; and perhaps he's now sensible of his Error too late. He's an Honest Gentleman, and too much a Whig to desire to Rise on the Ruins of his Country or Religion, which makes him support his Wife's Interest in the Q—— with more Chagrine than others do their Disgraces. This for her Fortune and Birth, and for her *Person*, 'tis very far from Beautiful, Engaging, or any thing that can be call'd Agreeable. She's not Young, at least a good deal past the Year you tell me a

(a) Note, This *Secret History of the Lady Abigail* was sent to the Author of *Neck or Nothing* when *Queen Robin* was Lord High Treasurer of *Great-Britain*, and Mrs. H—— the chief Favourite Woman

Your Woman has done Charming, and was so before C—— M——
new her. She's Fat, and has the Complexion of a Good Fellow.
All the rest of her Person is of a peice with what I've described;
to her Mind, 'tis suited exactly to the disagreeable Case that
is inclosed in; and for her other Qualifications, she is famous
or none, but what she exercis'd at Mr. M—— and Ingratitude,
except one she has learned, or as most think only improved at
Court, I mean that which gives the agreeable Tincture of a
Russet Red to her Complexion; but to give you the most just
Idea of this wonderful Machine of State, take her Character
from her own Mouth, in the Words of a Person who next to
her self best knew her.

My Dispositions they are good,

Mischievous, and a Liar,

A saucy proud Ingrateful Brute,

And for the Church intire.

You know the rest, no doubt; 'tis my Opinion good Language
could be thrown away on such an Animal, who Loves Money
more than her Soul, and has nothing in her Birth, Temper, Edu-
cation, in any part of Soul or Body Generous, Christian, or hardly
humane, don't look on this as the effect of Partiality to her
predecessor Lady M——h, but as it really is, meerly the force of
truth that would not permit me to assert a Falshood, and
thereby to expose my self to the Aversion of the best of Men,
by an Encomium on the worst of Women, (*viz. King Abigail*)
whose Reign at Court was but short, but (as you'll hear anon
under the Reigns of *Queen Robin* and *Harry Gambol*) was most
tyrannical and Mischievous.

Mr. DUNTON,——Having discovered to you what I thought
necessary to be known of the Secret Reign of the Lady *Abigail*,
I shall next present you with the *Secret Reigns* of those Two other
Queen Killers, King H——ly and *Harry Gambol*, who (with the
reigning Favourite before-mentioned) broke her Majesty's Heart,
beated the Nation, and went so far towards Restoring a Popish Pre-
sunder, that had Queen *Anne* liv'd but a Month longer, they had
certainly set their *Sham-King* on the British Throne, as will ap-
pear by the following Discoveries of their Treason and Villany
to her late Majesty, which (Mr. Dunton) I think necessary to in-
roduce, with declaring, The wonderful and sudden Change
of our Condition (by the Death of her late Majesty) has
stunned me, that I could not readily Write you this,
and do it now in pure Friendship, to set you Right if pos-
sible in your Judgment of Things and People, in particular

(a) Alias *Queen Robin*.

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in Relation to the late Queen; 'tis not Generous, nor indeed Christian, to insult a Person incapable of defending themselves, and we ought to be particularly careful how we pass Judgment on the Actions of Princes, whilst they Live, for our own Safety, and the quiet of the World, and when Dead, because they are then gone to that Being who only knows the Secrets of all Hearts, 'tis best in each Case to be Silent, especially for Persons so far remov'd from a near View of their Transactions, we know perhaps and hear what is done, but know little or nothing of the Motives, our Laws I think establish it as a fundamental Maxim, that *Kings can do no Ill*, and if that were ever true 'twas in the late Queen. I will not deny many ill Things were done in her Reign, but I absolutely refuse to Charge her with them unless you can prove (what no Man can) that they were done by her Instigation: I affirm on the contrary, and can prove it, that she was Innocent as to the Designing part, and Ignorant of most of the Practick ones, in short she had the unhappiness to have (as all Princes have) ill Men about her, and these dictated as well as acted; therefore they, and they only, deserve the Infamy as well as Punishment of what was Amis, and may they have both, I beseech God, who defends the Innocent, and will surely punish the Guilty, if that good Princess erred, I dare Answer 'twas never of Malicious wickedness, she faithfully served God to the utmost of her Power; she tenderly loved her People, and always wished and desired their Good, it had not pleased Heaven to indue her with so large a Measure of Wisdom to discern between Good and Evil, as it had with Sincerity and Virtue. I know, Mr. DUNTON, you won't believe this Secret Character of Queen *Anne* to be Matter of Fact (not only as she was a *STUART*, but as she was entirely in the Pretender's Interest about Six Months before she dyed, but that neither your self nor any Loyal Whigs may think I've here said more in the Praise of her late Majesty than she really deserved, see that Pious Character I've here given of her farther confirm'd by that Excellent Prelate *Gilbert*, late Bishop of *Sarum*, who in a Sermon preach'd before his Majesty King *GEORGE*, *October 31. 1714.* declares to his *Royal and Noble Auditors*, That 'our late Gracious Queen ' was a Princess, whom in a Course of many Years I had the Honour to know so particularly, that I am bound to say, I saw ' Great and Eminent Vertues in her, the height of Conjugal Affection, and of Motherly Care, an engaging Mildness towards ' all Persons, a constant Readiness to Acts of Charity, with ' an uninterrupted Course of Solemn Devotion, and a high Degree of Patience and Submission to the Will of God, under ' long and sharp Pains. In these she was a great Example ' these fell all under my particular Observation, for I presum

not to speak of those Things, into the Secret of which I was never called, but only of Things that I saw and knew.

' When the fatal Hour of her Dissolution came, it was with such a sudden Stroke, that all the World was surprized, and all bad Designs were prevented. But if ill designing Men imposed on her Weakness, and fearful Nature, and acted their own Villanies under the Shelter of her Royal Authority, she was to be rather pitied than blamed, and were indeed blameable, yet what she suffered might atone for it: 'Tis too too true her Heart was Broke, and Grief was the Cause of her sudden Death.

To convince you of this, I will inform you of a great Secret not known to the World, and which I desire may (tho' a real Truth) go no farther at present, viz. That *the Brethren in Iniquity, H--ly, Abigail, and B---ke, have been wrangling amongst themselves these Six Months*; the first Feud began between the Two HE MONSTERS, then Madam came in for her Share upon this Motive she not content with the Privy-Purse, wanted, forsooth, 12000 l. a Year Pension for Life; her Cousin H--ly was a little satisfy'd with the Treasury, and thought that Pension would do as well for him, each begg'd it of the Queen, and each opposed the others Pretensions, at last the Quarrel grew so High, that M---m refused H--ly Visits, at first the Servants were instructed to tell him always *she was not at Home*; but that Answer not satisfying his Lordship, he took the Liberty to go up to her Apartment, but was met by some Servants in an *Anti-Chamber*, who were commanded to stop him, and tell him, *their Lady would not see him*, however the Poor Queen was not to be let into this Secret, so more then into all their others, that much more nearly concerned her self and People, they disguised Matters some Weeks, in the meantime B--ke and Mrs. Minks laid their Heads together how to outdo the T---r, and get in their whole Party, a General Change in the Ministry was concerted; all H--ly's Creatures were to be laid aside, except his Hireling Scribblers, and instead of a Jumble of Scotch and English Torys, Churchmen, Jacobites and Papists, there were to be all *English Jacobites, Atheists and Papists*. All the difficulty was to get H--ly out; they first tryed to perswade him to accept of a Pension of 3000 l. a Year for Life; but tho the mortal has as little Wit as his Neighbours, yet he it seems could discern the Difference between 3000 l. and 10000 l. a Year. Besides, his Safety was concerned in the keeping possession of the Treasury; 3000 l. a Year would go but a little way in Bribing so Men. In short, he would not come to, which so exasperated his Antagonists, that they reveal'd all his Villanys to the Queen, and he return'd the Favour in the same Coyn; at length, all was discover'd, each side charged the other with a Design to bring in the Pretender, and defeat the Protestant Succession.

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Her Majesty knew nothing of this Wrangle till 'twas come to such a Height all her Subjects saw it; then was she forced to hear each Side accuse the other of the worst Crimes, viz. TRESON, and in the worst Language, viz. Billingsgate, *You are a Raskal, You a Villain, You a Jade, You a Pitiful Attorney, &c.* The Appellation of Traytor was common to them all; which made her Majesty say to these Three Favourites, *'Who would be a Queen to hear Language not fit for Gentlemen to speak, much less for a Prince's to hear.* But this comes of making Upstarts Sovereigns. I don't think but the Pretender himself would have had more Manners than *Queen Robin, Bolingbroke, the Lady Abigail*, and the rest of their Jacobite Tools shew'd to her late Majesty. But, *that I may Give the Devil his Due*, these Two last, tho both of 'em Infamous Wretches, and Secret Enemies to the Protestant Succession in the illustrious House of Hanover, yet are SAINTS if compar'd with the Earl of Ox——d, who, Mr. Dunton, (as you fairly and seasonably prov'd in your *Neck or Nothing*) is the Worst Man on this side Hell. And I'm sure no True Friend to the House of Hanover will doubt this, that considers the Base Mischief he did to his Native Country for the Three Years he usurp'd her Majesty's Throne, will (scarce) be Repair'd in as many Ages: *'As an ignominious destructive Peace; The loss of our Trade; The Breaking with, and even Giving up our Allies and Religion, with our Succession, to the Power of France; Betraying the Councils of our faithful Confederates to theirs and our Countrys Enemies; Starving our Soldiers and Seamen; and Giving away Spain and the West-Indies to the French King;* for so it is in Reality, as these, I say, and all the other Steps that have made us Poor at Home, and Contemptible Abroad, were all Projected, Advised, Directed, nay even Commanded by *Queen Robin*, we may allow him to be (as I said before) the Worst Man on this side Hell, and the Greatest V——n the World ever produced since the Traytor Judas. And as Ox——d had the greatest Hand in our Dangers and Disgraces so [when the Loyal House of Commons Revive their Impeachment] he ought in Justice to have the largest share of the Ignominy and Punishment, due to the Transfactors of such Wickedness. I don't say this to excuse *Bolingbroke*, or M——m, or any of his other Accomplices in Treason, from the Axe or Halter; NO, but still *Let the Greatest Criminal have the Greatest Punishment and Infamy* even a double, treble Portion of both; I still mean the Grand Deceiver and Seducer (*H---ly*) for sure no Man was ever such an Emblem of the Devil. For first, like Satan, he drew (*Bolingbroke and Lady Abigail*) into Sin, and then like him (as is seen by his Breaking the Queen's Heart, and private Quarrels with his Fellow Traytors) turn'd an Accuser of the Brethren, and would likewise be their Tormenter, were it in his Power.

The poor, unhappy, and ignorant Queen, surpriz'd at all this Wickedness, quickly discarded *Master Villain*, and not being able to overcome the Surprize and Grief she was under, Resigned her Soul, her wounded and afflicted Soul, into the Hands of a merciful Creator, and faithful High-Priest, where I make no question it enjoys eternal Rest amongst those that *Sleep in the Lord Jesus*, which may we all do. For my part (*Mr. Dunton*) I am equally joyful as you are at our Deliverance, and I do acknowledge the Queen's Death was as well the Blessing, as the Work of Heaven, but I can't allow that our Dangers were owing to her Intentions and Designs, but wholly to the Weakness of her Judgment and Wickedness of her Ministry. *B . . .* he wou'd be content for a while (not as some thought for Modesty sake, but merely Fear of disobliging his Friends) to be only One of the Five Commissioners of the Treasury, for *M . . . m's* Brother and Husband must be two, so there was Three of the Commissioners; and tho' *Will Wildfire* would gladly have had in his Friend *Gambol* (for those indeed are Names better adapted to their Qualifications, than as the *German Doctor* places them) yet out of their great Grace and Favour, if the Queen insisted on it, she should be suffered to nominate Two of the Five. But Thanks be to God, all these, and innumerable other of their wicked Designs, are Defeated; and 'tis hoped a great deal of the ill Effects of their Four Years Transactions may be prevented by this wonderful, this very unexpected, and most miraculous Turn of Affairs. Almighty God has vindicated his own Honour, by not permitting any Mortal to have any the least Hand in the Deliverance of his Church and People. Sycophants and foolish People used to give him many Sharers in the Glory of all our former Successes, and even attributed so much to his Rivals, that God himself, the only Giver of all, was generally last acknowledg'd, if at all. Were we Victorious abroad, then the *D . . . of M . . . b*, or *Prince E . . . ne*, *C . . . n* or *W . . . b*, were to have all the Praise; Success, the immediate Favour of Heaven, was ascrib'd to their Conduct, Courage, &c. Were our Councils Wise and happy at home, then *G-d-phin*, *S-d-land*, *W-pole*, &c. were to have the sole Honour. No wonder then that a Jealous God, that has solemnly declared *he will not give his Glory to another*, should leave us to these broken Cisterns and weak Reeds, and teach us by theirs and our dear Experience, *how little Trust there is in Man, or in the Son of Man*, how unable the Arm of Flesh is to save us, without his Assistance; therefore *he that Glories, let him Glory in the Lord*, who only does wondrous things; *he that Rejoyces, let him Rejoyce in the Lord*, and he that trusts, let him trust in the Lord, for he that Glories, Rejoyces, or Trusts in any thing else, will find his Mistake.

What is become of all the Pride, the Boasts, and long-concerted Schemes of our Home and Foreign Enemies? Are not all these

these baffled in a Moment, and that by no Humane Wisdom, Wealth, or Strength, but the immediate Hand of God Himself. Had the Poor Queen lived but One Month, nay One Week, (as hers and our Enemies often in her Illness did wish) humanely speaking, they had accomplish'd their Designs. The first thing upon her Decease that occur'd to my Memory, was the 126th Psalm, which I refer to your Perusal; and is in my Judgment very applicable to our Case; for tho' we can say; *thus far has God helped us*, yet if the same Almighty Hand does not perfect our Deliverance, *we are not yet out of the reach of our Enemies*; far, very far, God knows, from it; the thing is too obvious to need Explanation; I can assure you, many of those who signed the Proclamation, are in Heart on the other Side, and will be so in Action, if God don't prevent their Designs. However, as to Queen Anne, 'tis my Advice to you, that when you have occasion to mention her in any of your future Writings, that you do it with great Respect to her Memory; for certainly the worst way of making Court to our present Sovereign, would be to Rail at the last; and if it were not so, yet *when the Dead is at rest*, (says the wise Son of Sirach) *let his Memory rest*. We shall never have a Prince free from Human Infirmities; I am positive, none with greater *Piety, Sincerity, Chastity, Temperance, Charity, Compassion, Good Nature, Humility, Condescension*, and every *Christian Virtue*, than our late Queen possessed in an eminent degree; if God had not given her Wisdom for this World, he did for a much better place, where she, I dare say, now enjoys eternal Happiness. Every Man, nor every Prince (like our present truly Wise and Gracious Sovereign) is not capable of *discerning of Spirits*; but God is too Gracious to require what he has not been pleased to bestow. As to *Intemperance*, and any *Tendency to Popery*, those that best knew her, when most disobliged, always clear'd her in those Popular Mistakes, and always allow'd her to be, though a Weak, yet a Well-incin'd and Well-meaning Woman. I will quote you Three of my Vouchers, viz. Good Mr. E——, the Duke and Dutchess of Marlborough. These three, who long and intimately knew her, have always given her the Character of a Good Woman, and a Good, Pious, Charitable, and truly Devout Christian: If *Ill People* led her astray, let them bare the Blame and the Punishment, but *let her Name and Memory ever be dear to all that esteem Virtue*. In a private Life, she would have been the Glory of her Sex, as much as she was once the Envy of all Princes, and may we never have a worse, and use the next better! But alas! I see so little hopes of a Reformation among the Jacobites (or High-Churchmen) that we find 'em (were it possible) more Vile and Impudent in this Reign than they were in the last; for says an Oxford Gentleman to the Loyal Author of *The Flying-Post*.

S I R,

Oxon, Feb. 4. 1718.

PRAY insert the following Letter, in order to convince the World what the King and his Family may expect from our High-Church People in this University, tho they have all abjur'd the Pretender, except little Mr. *Hern*, who is maintain'd by the rest. It was sent by a Divine with *Hanging Sleeves*, to a certain Gentleman that is known for his Love and Loyalty to K. *George*.

S I R,

YOU are desired to appear at the Parliament-House, to give upon Oath what you know as to the Affairs of James Goodman, late Ground Landlord of your Parish, whose Son is yet living, and was kept out of his Estate by one William Hook, and Anne Singleton, and is now kept out by the present George H——n; there you shall meet with the rest of your Parishioners, who have paid many a Pound. You are therefore desired to give your Opinion, whether or no his Son ought to have his Estate restored to him, with all the Arrears that have been paid to the aforesaid Persons. This is all at present from,

Your Humble Servant to Command, -- When you can find me.

This Letter is so flagrant of it self, that Remarks thereupon are needless; but it would seem the Faction is not to be reclaim'd by what has been done hitherto, either by way of Clemency, or Justice. It may easily be perceiv'd how dangerous it is to have such Men continu'd in a Capacity to poison the Youth and others of the Nation, with such treasonable Principles.

Mr. Dunton, —— I have SPYED out many other Secrets relating to *Queen Robin*, *Lady Abigail*, and *Harry Gambol*, and other Plotting Creatures both in Church and State; but for want of Time to transcribe 'em fair for the Press, I shall make 'em the Subject of a distinct Letter, and when you have publish'd all the Discoveries I shall send to you respecting the Reigns of K. *William*, *Q. Mary*, and Pious (tho Unfortunate) *Anne*, I'll then send you *The Secret History of our Steddy and Glorious GEORGE*, which I will like a right *Hanover-Spy*) I shall begin from his Birth, and will continue it down to the late *Misunderstanding in the Royal Palace*, with what farther Discoveries I can make at Court, either with respect to the Late or Present Reign. And as this will be the most Surprizing and Useful Part of my *Secret History of S. James's*, I'd have you publish it Every Week in a Small Packet, that so being read by all the Loyal Subjects of *Great-Britain*, (by comparing the Popish Reigns with such as are truly Protestant) they may be all convinced how happy they might be if they would themselves under the Present Reign of our Lawful and Ever-Glorious Sovereign KING *GEORGE*, who has not only Reviv'd the *Golden-Age* in the British Dominions by his own Royal Example, and the Sincere and Steddy Practice of every Princely Vertue, but does the utmost that lies in his Power to secure the Present Establishment both in Church and State, and

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to make us all a truly Protestant and Happy People. Then judge (Mr. Duntton) what Pious Discoveries I shall be able to make in the Secret Reign of our Present Monarch, and in every Branch of his Illustrious House, even such as will not only gratify the most nice and curious Palate, but what will endear both his Royal Person and Family to every British Protestant that loves either his Religion or Country. Neither can you disappoint you *Athenian Readers* (of these Royal and Court Secrets) for every FRIDAY to the Day of my Death, this Packet of New Discoveries shall be safely convey'd to you by that Trusty Messenger that brings this my *Second Packet from St. James's*. I call it so, as the First Discoveries I sent to you from this Royal Palace, you both Worded and Methodiz'd exactly according to the Private Directions I sent you, and most properly call'd 'em *Neck or Nothing*.

Mr. Duntton, ——— (I shall only add at present) as you are so Truly Honest as to *Fear no Colours* in the Publishing Bold Truths, (of which your late Venture of *Neck or Nothing* is a Bright and Undeniable Proof) so you shall find me as Fearless in Recording of 'em; and as a Proof of this, the First WEEKLY-SPY I shall send to you (after I have detected the Secret Reigns of *William, Mary, and Anne*) shall contain *A Private Search into the Families, Cabinets, Misses, Politics, Conversation, and Morals of some Great Men at Court*.

Mr. Duntton, I shall also send you *A Secret History of the NATURAL CHILDREN of all the Keeping Gullies* (that are found in the British Court) and I shall introduce this Detection with A Distinct Account of the Life and Character of that truly Ingenious Gentleman (tho' Notorious Jacobite) Mr. Richard Savage, Natural Son to the late Earl Rivers by the Countess of Macclosfield. In these Discoveries, I shall make some Reflections on Mr Savage's Mad (tho' truly Diverting) POEM, intitled, *The Convocation, or the Battle of the Pamphlets*, and upon other Frantick Attempts that have so greatly distinguish'd this First Rate Poet from all other Jacobites in Great-Britain. I own this Discovery of the Natural Children will be a bold Attempt, but as they are all so Vain and Foolish (or rather so Wicked) as to Boast of their Noble Descent, I hope the setting their Whoring Progenitors in a true Light, may reform the Lewd and Adulterous Lives of some Great Lords at Court, and then I'm sure Mr Duntton won't be afraid to publish it, be his Danger never so great in making these Discoveries. However I shan't scruple to say at parting (I have so much regard to his Majesty's Honour, the Reputation of the Present Ministry, and my own Promise, that you shou'd be Nobly Rewarded for that Seasonable Service you did your Country) that I am as much concern'd as the Starving Author of *Neck or Nothing*, that his Desperate and Successful Hazards in Serving the Publick, han't yet partal'd of that Royal Reward which the whole Nation says you deserve, and don't doubt will obtain as soon as ever your Printed Case has inform'd the King, how Early as well as how very Successfully you have distinguish'd your self in his Service ——— I am in the mean time,

Your Hearty Friend and Servant, &c